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Japanese art introduced to students

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

While many area residents are spending countless hours folding and wrapping paper around Christmas gifts, Grayling High School and Elementary students have been folding paper with a Japanese flare.

Grayling High School art instructor Mark Binert has been teaching the ancient Japanese tradition of origami to students in his two-dimensional design art class.

In June, Binert went on a 10-day trip to Japan through the Toyota International Teacher program.

The program is funded through an annual \$1.2 million grant from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. and is administered by The Institute of International Education in Washington, D.C., a non-profit international exchange organization.

The program teaches its participants about Japanese culture, history and education system, as well as the country's approach

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Photo by
Dan Sanderson

Grayling High School art instructor Mark Binert has been teaching the ancient Japanese tradition of origami to students in his two-dimensional design art class. In June, Binert went on a 10-day trip to Japan through the Toyota International Teacher program. Pictured, Audry Alimenti, a junior art student, displays some of the colorful paper cranes the students made in the class.

Skyline opts not to take winter gamble

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The prognosis for a lack of snow and the increased costs of doing business will keep the lift lines at the Skyline Ski and Country Club idle this winter.

Jerry Balmes, the owner of the Skyline Ski and Country Club, opted not to take the financial gamble to open the ski hill and trails for the winter season.

Balmes said his business is still reeling from the lack of snow last year between Christmas and New Year's, which accounts for about 30 percent of his earnings for the winter season.

Balmes said people downtown opted not to come up due to gas prices, the economy and layoffs.

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Grayling artist wins award for basket

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling artist received an award at a national basket weaving contest recently held in northern Michigan.

Bernadine Dosch won the Exceptional Merit for Art Award at the 25th annual convention for the Association of Michigan Basketmakers, which was held at the Grand Traverse Resort on Oct. 25-29.

Dosch won the award for a tiny basket made out of wax linen, which was imported from Ireland, and glass beads.

Dosch, who has won awards at the convention three years in a row, has been evolving her craft to make the smaller, decorative baskets. She spent 30 hours making the basket.

"It was very nice to receive the award," Dosch said. "It's kind of an acclamation of your work."

The Association of Michigan Basketmakers holds the largest convention devoted to basketmaking in the United States. Teachers come from all over the world to teach basketmaking techniques. Over 1,000 people

attend the convention, and hundreds enter the juried competition.

"The competition is fierce and the baskets that are entered are just amazing," said Pam Talsky, a member of the Association of Michigan Basketmakers.

Dosch began weaving baskets in 1978. She established a business to sell her baskets in 1981, and expanded into to a full time occupation and began teaching the craft in 1982.

Dosch has traveled throughout the United States and to Canada, England, China and Egypt to learn from renowned basketmakers and research the history of basketweaving.

A basket that Dosch made, which was shaped like an angel, was displayed on the White House Christmas Tree in 1994 during President Bill Clinton's administration.

In recent years, Dosch said basketmakers have begun producing more artistic baskets instead of baskets for specific uses.

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Trail snow removal cost prohibitive

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Local officials say it is too costly to remove snow from the area paved trail system.

Concerns have been raised regarding the removal of snow along the trail which is located on M-72 West, which leads from the Grayling City limits to M-93. When there is a large amount of snow on the trail, people who regularly use the pathway are walking in the roadway.

The trail was paved two years ago through a funding arrangement between Grayling Township and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said there have been discussions in the past with Crawford County Road Commission, Crawford County Transportation System and Crawford AuSable School.

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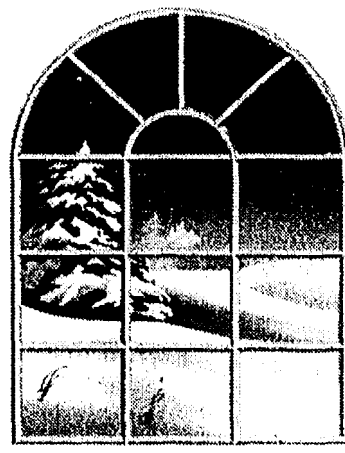
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Night Before Christmas



Photos by Dan Sanderson

About 35 people attended the third annual Night Before Christmas program held at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Thursday. Some children dressed in their pajamas for the program. Above left, Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, the library director, read the Night Before Christmas to the children dressed as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz to go with the theme for the library's Christmas program, No Place Like Home for the Holidays. Above right, Megan Oppermann, 7, assists Gordon the Magician with a trick. Below left, Makenna VanAmburg, 7, writes a letter to Santa for her family. Below right, Josie and Dana Trudgeon, 5, help Rebecca Brown, the youth services librarian, start the program off with some Christmas carols.

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Fires halt production at Monarch Millwork

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two small fires halted production at a wood manufacturing firm in the Grayling Industrial Park.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department was dispatched to Monarch Millwork, located at 2211 Industrial Drive, at 4:48 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14.

A fire occurred in an area in the plant called the bag house, where a small silo is located that is used to store sawdust.

Travis Roberts, the Grayling City/Township Fire Department's inspector/fire marshal, said that a bearing overheated, causing a spark to catch the sawdust on fire and start to smol-

der. In addition, heat from the fire went through vents in the plant, activating sprinkler heads in the building. Firefighters remained at the plant for three hours.

Firefighters were called back to Monarch Millwork for a second fire at 9 a.m. The second blaze occurred in a larger silo, which is also used to store sawdust. The fire was confined to the silo. Firefighters emptied the contents of the silo.

Roberts said that there was the potential for large explosions if a large amount of oxygen had quickly mixed with the smoldering sawdust.

"All the safety features at the plant did pretty much what they

needed to do, so that was all averted and everybody did their roles very well," Roberts said.

Firefighters remained at the scene until 2:30 p.m.

Monarch Millwork employs between 10 to 35 people depending on the workload.

Damage from the first fire caused the plant to shut down production. Contractors were at the plant on Monday, assessing the extent of the damage.

Mike Hees, the owner of Monarch Millwork, said the company has been able to fill customer's orders at a second production facility located in Grand Rapids.

"We have been able to make do with what we've got," Hees said.

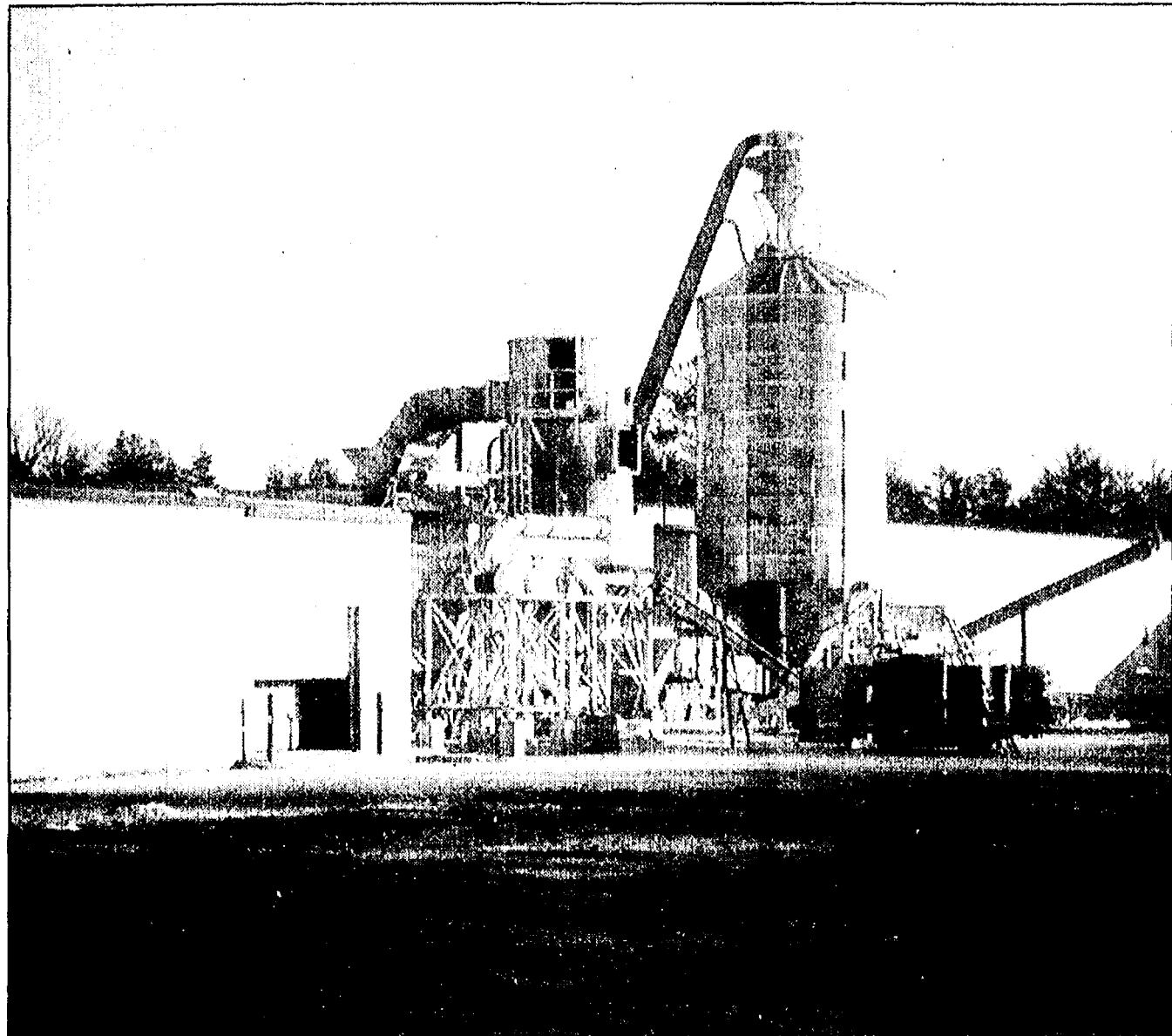


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Contractors were at Monarch Millwork, on Monday, assessing the extent of the damage from two fires which occurred at the plant on Thursday.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Here's a vote for both Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

(Author's Note: Much of the material in this column has appeared in the Almanack at Christmas time in previous years. The points are still valid in 2006.)

DESPITE RECURRING attempts to chip away at its true foundation, Christmas time in our country — and throughout much of the world, for that matter — has a solid religious underpinning based upon the Christian belief of the birth of the Baby Jesus.

There's nothing wrong with that. Without a belief in God, Christmas really has little purpose and diminished meaning.

Again this year many folks are upset out of all proportion about the choice between "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays." The White House Christmas card last year omitted the specific words in place of a generic greeting, and no mention of Christmas or the birth of Christ. Some stores advertise holiday sales instead of Christmas specials.

Official Michigan in 2006 took one big stride in what I believe is the right direction. The tall decorated and lighted fir tree in front of the state capitol building in Lansing once more is officially Michigan's Christmas Tree after several years as a Holiday Tree.

My personal reaction to the tussle between Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays is "So what?" Why get all excited? Negative attitudes distort the true Christmas spirit anyway.

As well as a religious observance, Christmas is an official public holiday, so decreed by governments. So is New Year's Day. They both come this time of year. Why not be inclusive?

Should we wish merriment and happiness only for Christmas Day? Should we hope only Christians have a joyous season? Let's be inclusive.

Personally I wish folks a merry Christmas, but also wish them happy holidays, too. My wish is for good things far beyond Christmas itself, and extending past the New Year.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON covers several days. It's a season for family gatherings ... to greet friends and loved ones ... to give and receive gifts ... to sing songs and Christmas carols, many with a religious theme and history. These are all good things.

But without the religious foundation, the whole thing doesn't mean much. It's simply a time of year, a few days off work, and an excuse for partying.

To be friendly and happy is good. To help others, through donations and feeding the homeless and the lonely and giving toys and clothing to needy families, individual and group good deeds all of which are widespread at this time of year ... these are all good.

Jewish faithful also celebrate a miracle at this time of year. Hanukkah is a significant religious feast in the Jewish faith. It, too, is good. But it isn't Christmas.

CHRISTMAS IS especially for children. Can children grasp the idea of God and the Baby Jesus? Of course they can. If you doubt it, just talk to some children.

"God is a good friend to have."

That is one of the delightful comments about God from kids, collected a few years ago in a book under that precise title. Here are some other comments from kids, perhaps simple, but yet insightful:

"God wants peace and quiet, just like my father."

"God is always listening to everything. I bet He wishes He could turn it off sometimes."

"God is everywhere like the air. We breathe Him in and out. He don't mind."

"God is who tells you when you have to die and it does not matter how old you are either. You have to do it."

"God is someone you can hear inside and feel all over, but you can't see Him or touch Him. But that isn't

so important."

"God is a spirit, not like a ghost or scary or anything, but like a big person who isn't really there."

"God is whatever you think He is, but not a girl."

"We really don't know where God is, but you have to believe in Him before you can find Him. It's the only way."

AT CHRISTMAS time, we search for meaning in our lives.

One child quoted above from the book God Is a Good Friend to Have is pretty much on target:

You have to believe in Him before you can find Him. It's the only way.

From the Almanack, we sincerely wish all of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and happy holidays, too!

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Our office will be closed on

Monday, December 25.

Deadlines for the December 28th

Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 21 5 pm

Community News: Fri. Dec. 22 by noon

Classified Display Ads: Fri. Dec. 22 by noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 26 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on

Tuesday, December 26th at 9 am.

Our office will be closed on

Monday, January 1.

Deadlines for the

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Avalanche will be:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 28 5pm

Community News: Fri. Dec. 29 by noon

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Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 2 by noon

The Avalanche office will reopen on

Tuesday, January 2nd at 9 am.

Historically Speaking



Pictured above is Hanson's Cafe in 1936 where the DXR Computer store on Michigan Ave. now stands. Owners from 1936 to 1955 were Frank and Emma Bennett (far right). Sitting at the front table are Tony Gross and his wife Anna and daughter Sally. The waitress is believed to be Edna Muth. The restaurant had two apartments above it — the Bennetts lived in one and rented the other. Next door was the barber shop of Burton McWilliams.

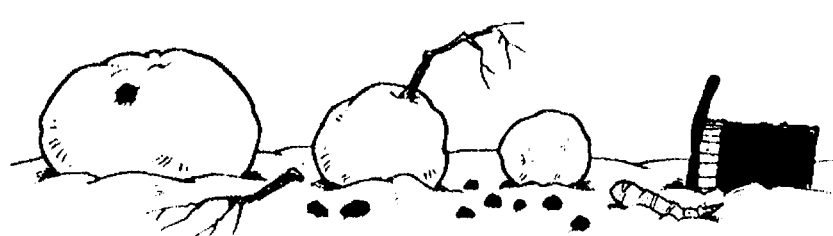
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The first day of winter is December 21!!

On this day, also known as the Winter Solstice, the Sun is farthest South. It is also the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, being that there are only 9.5 hours of daylight in some places.



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BRIEFS

Legion to hold children's Christmas party

A children's Christmas party for ages 12 and under, will be held at the American Legion Post 106, on Saturday, Dec. 23, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be free stockings for all and raffles will be held to include four bicycles. There will be free photos with Santa. Hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and chips for all and entertainment provided.

Service to be held for historic church

A special Christmas service will be held in the historic Stittsville Church, on Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The Stittsville Church was constructed in 1882 in the now ghost town of Stittsville in Missaukee County and was moved to Wellington Farm in May 2005. The service is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Swim class registration to begin

Registration for 4-H swim classes has begun. The Level I class will be held on Mondays at 4 p.m., starting Jan. 8. The Level II class will be held on Wednesdays, at 4 p.m., starting Jan. 10. All classes meet at the Holiday Inn. The total cost is \$28. Register at the Crawford County MSU Extension Office in the basement of the courthouse or call 344-3266 for information.

Snowmobile Fun Run registration begins

The 3rd Annual Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be held Saturday, Jan. 27.

This year's event is being organized and sponsored again by Mary Becker of CFIC Home Mortgage and Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Hosting the event at stops on the run are The Ole Barn, Sawmill Tavern, Dingmans, and Holiday Inn of Grayling.

Entry is a \$25 donation which includes lunch, dinner, a commemorative t-shirt and many chances to win prizes.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. at The Ole Barn, 6811 M-72 West in Grayling (at the corner of M-93 and M-72). Lunch will be provided at the time of check-in.

From The Ole Barn, participants will take a leisurely round-trip ride visiting all sponsors and ending back at The Ole Barn for dinner, dancing and prize drawings. If there is inclement weather, participants will ride by car. Those wishing to participate by car are also welcome.

Pre-registration by mail is highly encouraged to allow organizers to plan meals. Pre-register by completing a form

available at any sponsor location and mailing along with check or money order to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384.

Registration forms are also available at the shelter and the Crawford County Avalanche office.

For this event, many local motels are offering lodging specials, including the Holiday Inn of Grayling, Pointe North Motel, North Country Lodge, and River Country Motor Lodge. Mention "Charity Fun Run" when making a reservation and receive a special rate on a place to stay that weekend.

Questions regarding the 3rd Annual Snowmobile Fun Run should be directed to Mary Becker, toll-free, at 1-866-449-2342, Ext. 1025, or (586) 731-6803, or via email at marybecker@verizon.net.

Anyone wishing to donate a prize for the event is asked to contact Cheryl Ruley at (989) 619-0473 or by email to mcruley@i2k.com to arrange pick up of the item. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and all donations to this event are tax-deductible.

Mittens donated at library for youngsters

Volunteers and the staff at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library have helped spread the comfort and joy for the holidays by keeping children's hands warm and cozy.

The Mitten Tree, a Christmas tree which is decorated with

donated mittens, scarves and hats, was started by the Crawford County Friends of the Library. The holiday tradition is based on the book, "The Mitten Tree," written by author Candace Christiansen, which is about a tree that is mysteriously decorated with colorful mit-

tens for children to take for their own.

This year, 105 pairs of mittens along with hats and scarves were donated through the Mitten Tree, which was located in the library. The mittens and other items were taken last week to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, where they will be given to area children for the holidays and winter season.

"We, the staff at the Devereaux Memorial Library, would like to thank the Friends of the Library and all those who participated in this wonderful tradition for making our holiday brighter and for reminding us that comfort and joy comes in small gifts - a small pair of mitten," said Anna Biernat, program director for the Crawford County Library System.



The Mitten Tree, a Christmas tree which is decorated with donated mittens, scarves and hats, was started by the Crawford County Friends of the Library. The holiday tradition is based on the book, "The Mitten Tree," written by author Candace Christiansen. Above, Anna Biernat, the program director for the Crawford County Library System, places a pair of mittens on the tree.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 22 - Closed Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 25 - Closed Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, peaches, and apple. Dinner - taco salad with lettuce and tomatoes, Mexican corn, and tropical fruit salad. 10 a.m. tenant council meeting, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, Dec. 27 - Lunch - tuna noodle casserole, asparagus, tossed salad, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - western omelet, O'Brien potatoes, fresh fruit medley, muffin, and orange. 10 a.m. line dancing, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Dec. 28 - Lunch - Teriyaki chicken with rice, broccoli, cauliflower, and pineapple. Dinner - roast pork, sweet potatoes, creamed peas, and applesauce. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 12:30 p.m. Sonnets and Songs, 5:30 p.m. Uno Attack.

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If you were suddenly injured and unable to communicate your health care choices, would your family and close friends know what you want? This example illustrates the importance of advance care planning, which can assist individuals and their families with planning their health care needs in the event that they are unable to participate in decisions.

Advance Care Planning's Susan Wischman said the Facilitator class will be held at

the Northwestern Michigan College University Center. She advises those interested in attending sessions to register early to ensure a spot in the class. Another class will not be available until next fall. The deadline to register is Jan. 1.

The 16-hour facilitator course provides participants with the competencies needed to help others communicate their wishes for end-of-life care. This complex activity includes knowing the law, ethics, and conversational skills needed to assist members of our community make good end-of-life choices that reflect their personal and family values.

Each day's activities will begin at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The sessions will conclude at 4:30 p.m. To request a registration form or to learn more about Advance Care Planning, please call (231) 935-8209 or email advancecareplanning@mhc.net.

The Bible Speaks

Honesty of Faith

We conclude our study of the nature of Abraham's faith. We began with the Hope of his faith in verse 18, the Help of his faith in verse 19, the Honor of his faith in verse 20 and now we shall study the Honesty of Abraham's faith in Romans 4:21: "21And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

First, we see the honest confidence of Abraham's faith. "21And being fully persuaded..." Abraham's faith gave him honest confidence because he was "fully persuaded." Abraham was not filled with doubts and fears about God's promises, he was fully persuaded. To have this kind of confidence we must know that we possess God's inspired, inerrant, infallible promises from God's Holy Scriptures. We should be able to say with 2 Timothy 1:12: "...I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Having received God's love gift of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ

we should be able to say with Romans 8:38,39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Second, we see the honest control of Abraham's faith, "...that, what he had promised." Abraham understood that the control of his faith was based squarely upon believing God's promises. Abraham did not trust his own ideas, plans, wishes or hopes, but trusted God's promises to be fulfilled in his life. As Psalm 105:42 says of God: "For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant." God's promise is all any of us can trust as Galatians 3:22 says, "22But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." As Ephesians 1:13 reminds us: "13In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." We became partakers

of Abraham's faith as Galatians 3:29 says, "29And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." "28Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise." (Galatians 4:28).

Third, we see the honest competence of Abraham's faith. "...He was able also to perform." The competence of Abraham's faith rested completely upon the ability or power of God and His performance to carry out His promises in Abraham's life. As God reminded Abraham in Genesis 18:14: "14Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." As God said in Jeremiah 32:27: "27Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" "8And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8). Pastor "B"

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Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 17 of \$25 each: Herb Olson, Ted Stephan, Tammy Preston, and Trudy Hawkins.

Project Graduation
The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner for Dec. 8 - Mike Lange and Dec. 15 - Bonnie Lange.

OBITUARIES

Betty E. Henley

Oct. 20, 1920 - Dec. 12, 2006

Betty E. Henley, 86, of Grayling, passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

Betty was born in Oran, Mo., on October 20, 1920, to the late Leo Henry and Clara Frances (Diebold) Compas.

She retired in 1985, where she worked as a sales clerk for Emil and Laurine Kraus, of Grayling. She was the widow of John Alfred Henley.

She is survived by sisters: Lucille Waters, Rita Yarbrough, and Berniece Glass, all of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and sister, Clara Cruickshank of Orlando, Fla.; brothers: Vernon Compas, Ray Compas, and Elmer Compas, all of Cape Girardeau, Mo.

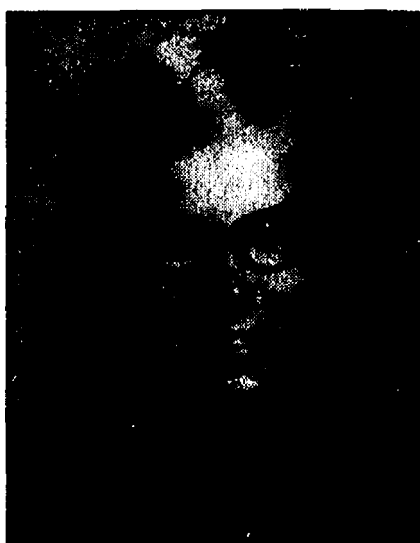
A Mass of Christian Burial was held on December 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Father Robert Nalley officiating. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

James E. Grant

James Edwin Grant, 67, born Oct. 30, 1939, passed away, on Dec. 5, 2006 in Zephyr Hills, Fla.

Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.



Barbara K. Baldwin

Jan. 14, 1954 - Nov. 2, 2006

Barbara Kay Baldwin, 52, of Six Lakes, passed away at her home unexpectedly on November 2, 2006.

She was born on January 14, 1954, to Robert and June (Mount) Peterson.

Barbara was raised in the Edmore area and graduated from Montabella High School in 1972. She married Kenny Baldwin in 1974. She owned and operated Kenny's Gifts and Crafts Store in Six Lakes for more than 20 years. She was an Avon representative, a member of New Life United Methodist Church, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5602 Ladies Auxiliary in Six Lakes. She loved to make crafts, play games, watch soap operas, spend time with her church family, help with VFW activities, play bingo, listen to country music and spend time with friends at the flea market.

She is survived by her parents, Bob and June Peterson; brothers, Bob (Mary) Peterson of Grayling and Bruce (Ann) Peterson of Vestaburg; sister, Brenda (Jeff) Everts of Mulliken; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her children: Benjamin Michael, Melissa Sue and Jamie Linn Baldwin.

A funeral service was held at New Life United Methodist Church, with pastor Anita Hahn officiating.

Sharlene R. Pelka

July 19, 1939 - Dec. 6, 2006

Sharlene R. Pelka, age 67, of Roscommon, passed away December 6, 2006.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 30, at 4 p.m., at the Roscommon Free Methodist Church, Roscommon.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

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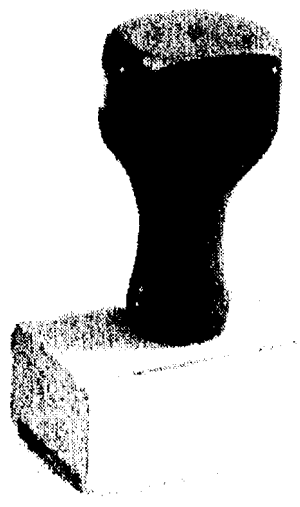
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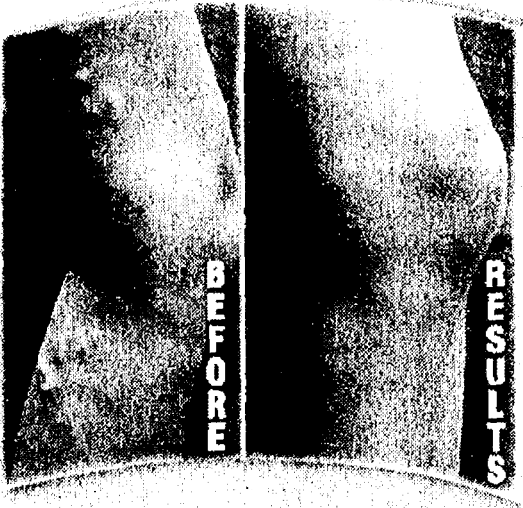
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Troop 995 visited the camp during the weekend of Nov. 4 through 6, where they had the opportunity to use the camp facilities.

"We aren't sure who enjoyed the facilities more, the troop leaders or the scouts themselves," said troop historian Logan Woodley.

Children and adults were able to challenge themselves on a three-sided, 40-foot climbing tower with six attached high ropes-course elements, designed and built by Project Adventure in a wooded setting at Camp Daggett.

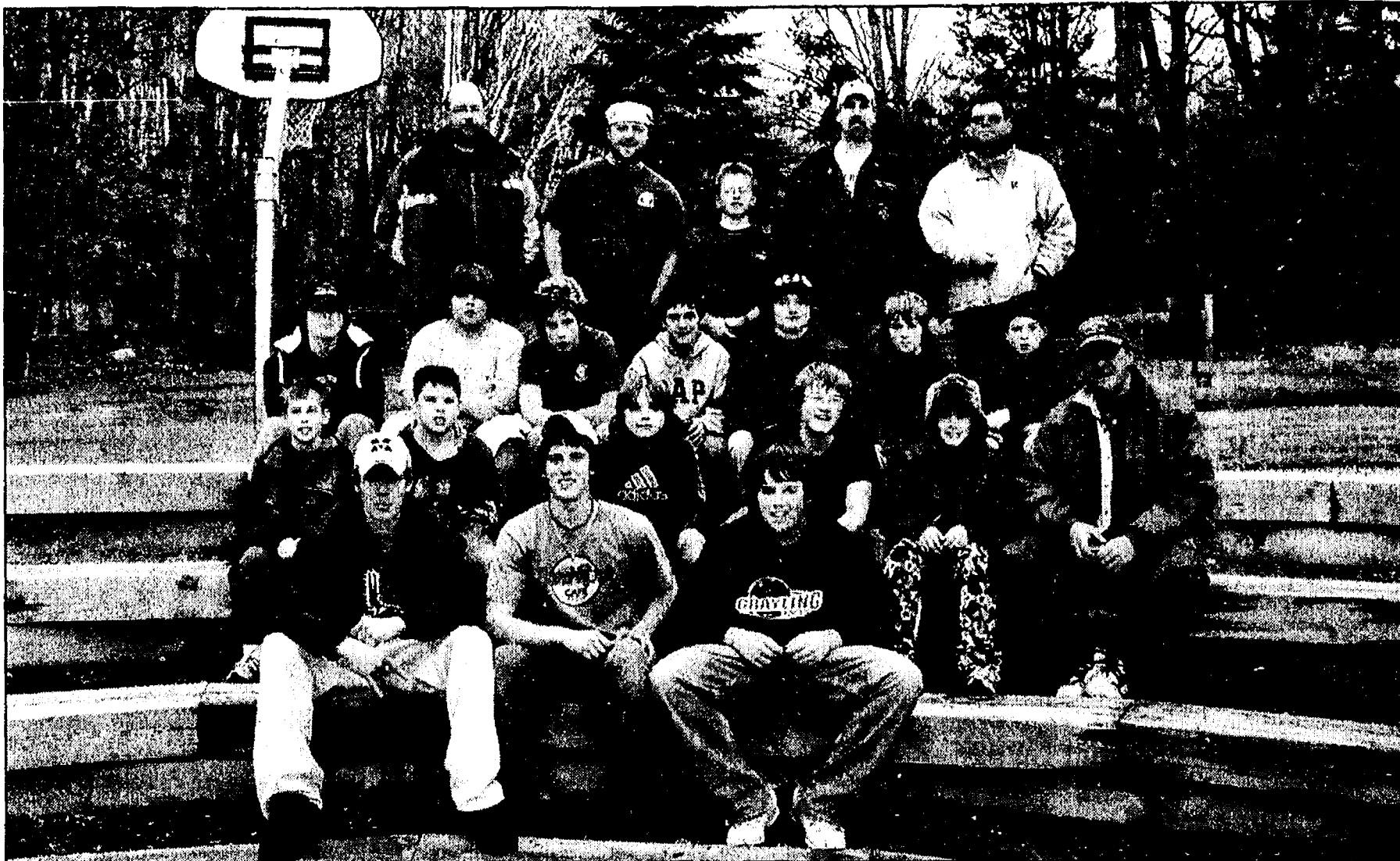
A group problem solving initiative course, tucked in the woods near a nature pond, contained more than 10 different elements and provided opportunities for leadership, cooperation and accomplishment.

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The building also provided a recreational space for activities like basketball, floor hockey, and volleyball, as well as classroom, recreation room, rest rooms, and equipment storage areas.

To raise money for their activities, such as summer camp, advancement in rank and camping trips, the scouts do various fund raising projects throughout the year. This fall a group of 16 scouts participated in a fund raising project at Lake Margrethe raking leaves.

Charlie Bertram, owner of Northern Lawn and Homecare, donated his time and equipment for the scouts to use for their clean-up project. As a reward for their hard work Bertram sponsored a pool and pizza party at the Super 8 Motel, Grayling. Bertram hopes that this will be a bi-yearly event.



Boy Scout Troop 995 challenged their skills at Camp Daggett in November. Pictured L to R front: Alex Millar, Nick Grougan, and Dylan Nye; second row: Robert Thiel, Adam Thiel, Scott Wejrowski, Storm Shriver, Aaron Kiessel, and Scott Grougan; third row: Josh Aimesbury, Jon Deffendall, Matt Dunkel, Corey Kiessel, Shawn Redmond, CJ Bertram, and Logan Woodley; back row: Todd Nye, Brian Aimesbury, Dave Shriver, Jim Pickell and Dave Woodley.

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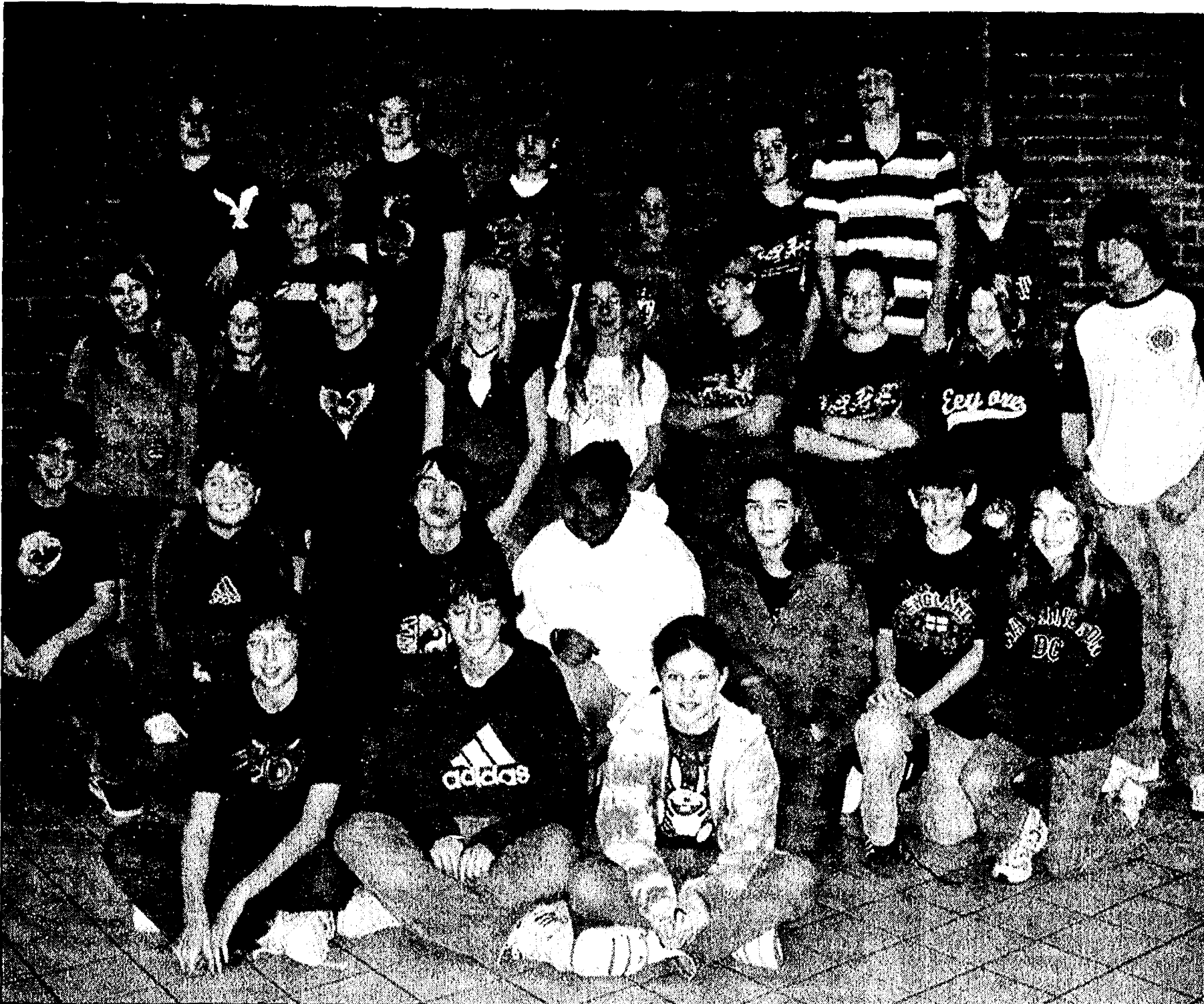
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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 110 complaints the week of Dec. 11 - Dec. 17:

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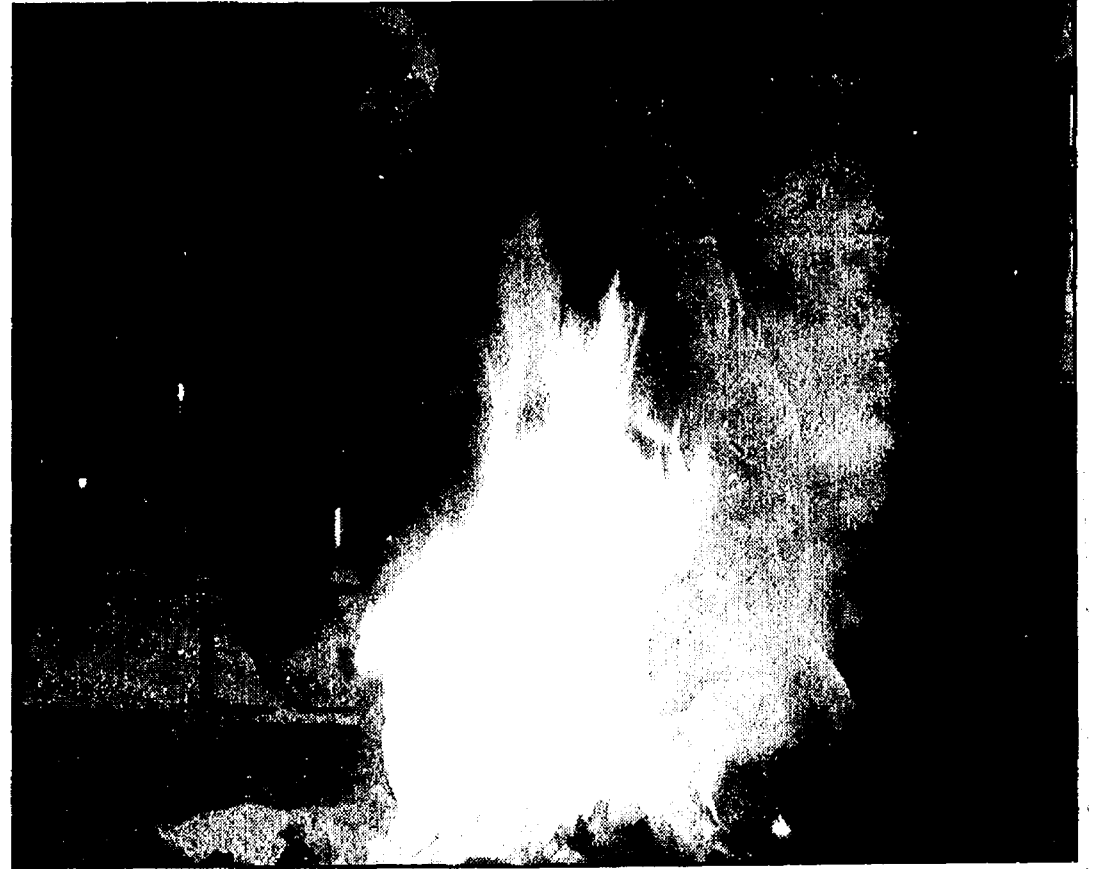
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Volunteers at Wellington Farm, USA performed the original play "A Place Called Wellington" during the farm park's Farm by Lantern Light program last weekend. The play depicts how the members of the Wellington community are able to repair the church organ, which was damaged by vandals, in time for the children's Christmas program. The play was written and produced by Wellington Farm, USA founder Howard Taylor. Above left, Jim Smith and Ken Louchart discuss how to repair the organ in the farm park's carpenter shop. Above right, Zak Timmons fans the flames in the blacksmith shop as they work on new parts for the organ. Below left, Michael Wood depicts the character of John Failing, a member of the community who works in the grist mill. Below right, Sue Sharp, playing the character Nellie Mortenson, was busy baking cookies for the Christmas program.

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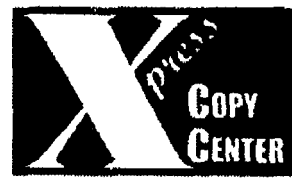
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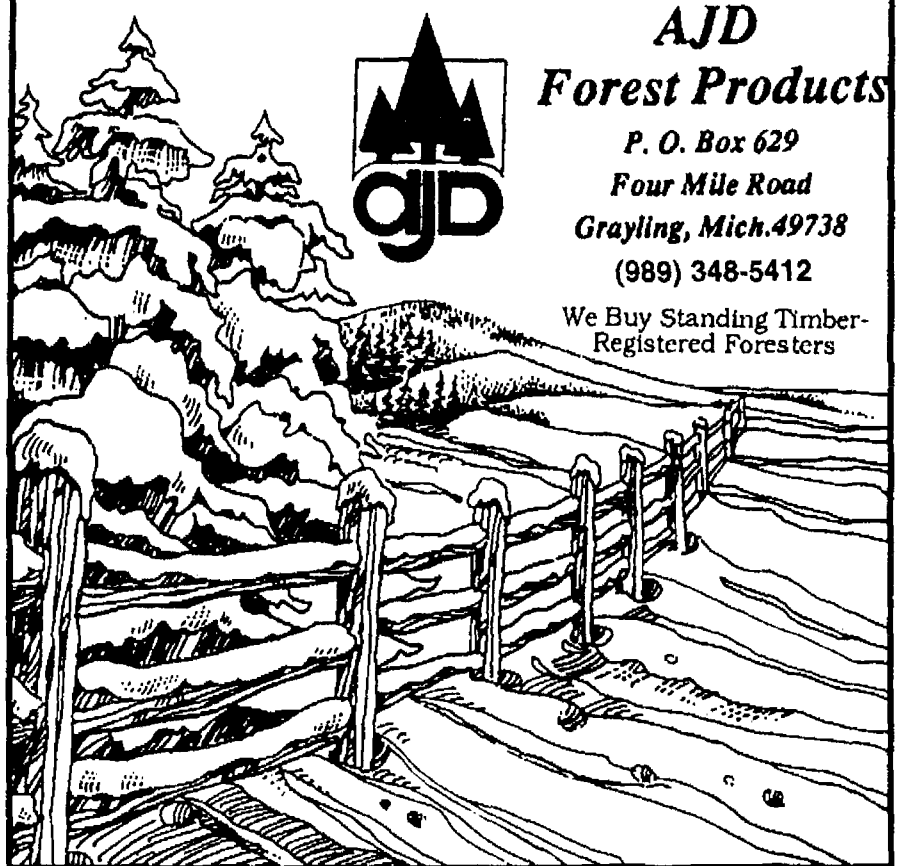
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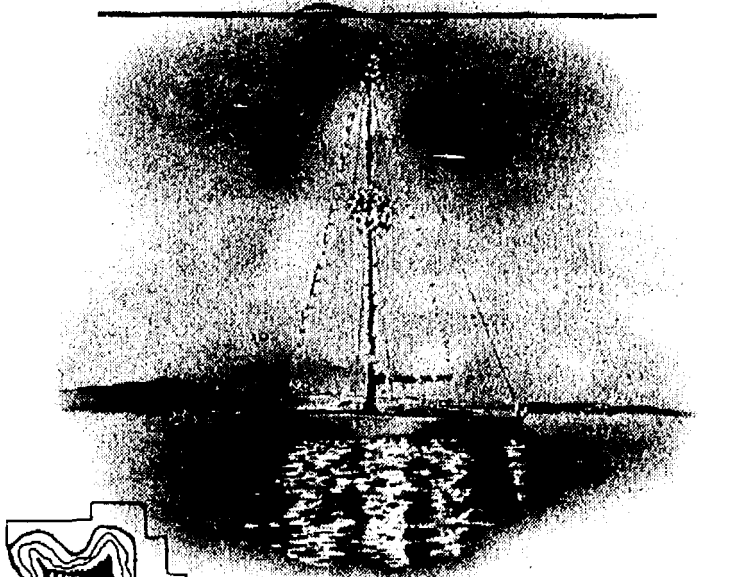


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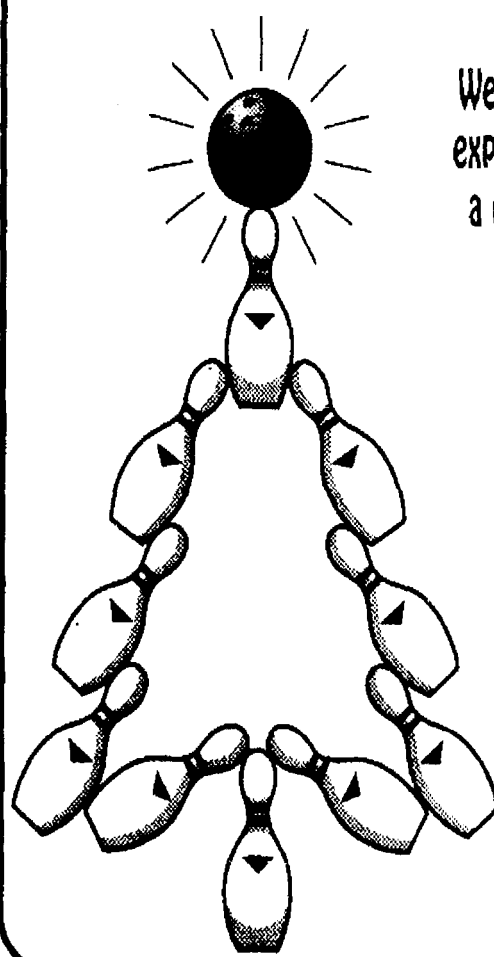
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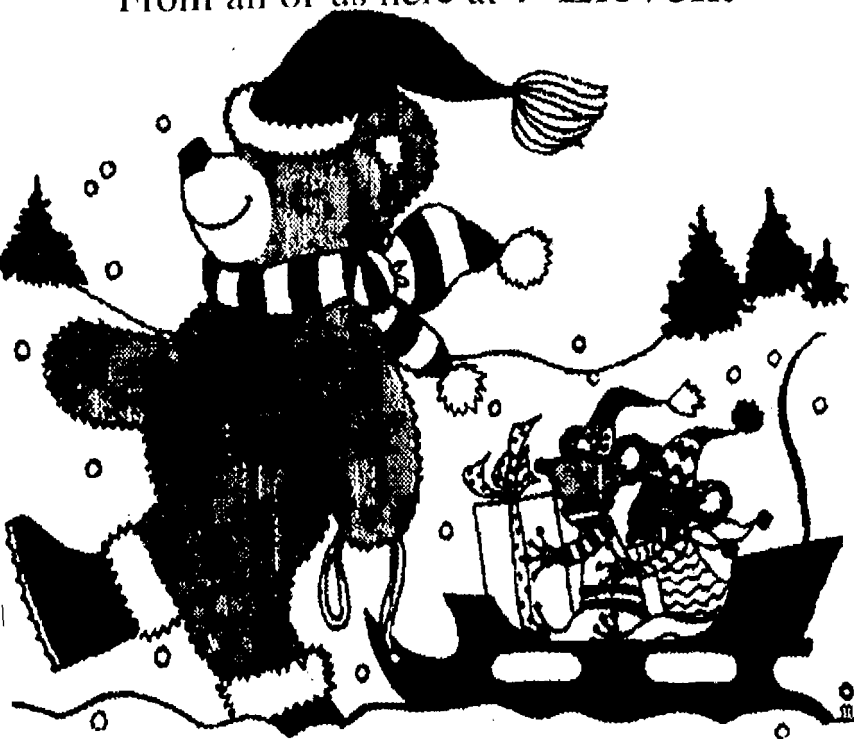
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Paper cranes created by Grayling High School students are being strung together and will be displayed in the Children's Peace Park in Hiroshima. It is believed that for each 1,000 paper cranes offered at the monument, a child receives a wish. Above, students Tory Myers, Nicole Metzger, Sarah Lange and Annie Melroy fold some paper cranes.

Japanese art introduced to students

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to issues such as technology and the environment. Teachers are selected from Michigan and nine other states, where Toyota operates major U.S. facilities, based on their professional and leadership qualifications and their plans to incorporate their experiences into their curriculum.

This year's trip, which took

place June 23-July 5, included visits to Tokyo, Kyoto, Nagoya, Nagasaki, Toyota City and a small island off the mainland called Ojika.

Binert took part in a wide range of activities including touring a Toyota plant, where a luncheon was hosted for teachers, visiting ancient temples, going net fishing and touring Japanese schools.

"We learned a lot about the traditional Japanese arts and culture that they are actually losing because of modernization," said Binert.

Binert said that he was impressed by the involvement of the parents at the Japanese schools, as well as Toyota's commitment for continuous improvement.

"Every worker there has a voice and all opinions matter," he said.

Binert said that the Japanese education system is largely based on teacher lectures and use of the labs, but is evolving toward more group projects and community based learning, concepts he plans to use in the class-

room.

"The more kids get out to do more and see more things, the more they can relate to it and understand it," he said.

Binert's initial introduction of Japanese art to his students included origami and making brightly colored paper cranes.

The paper cranes are known as a symbol of peace and are traced back to Sadako Sasaki, a young girl who died from leukemia 10 years after the atomic bomb was dropped at Hiroshima.

Sasaki's death triggered a campaign to build the Children's Peace Monument, which is located in the Peace Park at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and is aimed at inspiring people to pray for world peace and to honor the many children killed by the atomic bomb.

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"It's moving doing something for somebody across the world that you know you will never meet," said Eva Clark, a junior art student.

Billy Weaver, also a junior, said students had contests to see how many paper cranes they could make in a class period.

"It made the time go by faster in class," Weaver said.

The high school students paid a visit to the Grayling Elementary School earlier this month, teaching third and fourth graders how to fold the paper cranes.

"They got it down pretty good, which was cool," said Tory Myers, a junior art student.

Binert plans to teach Japanese block printing and calligraphy to his students next semester.

Binert plans to apply for another grant through the exchange program, and encouraged other teachers to pursue the experience.

"The treatment we received from the people at Toyota was out of this world and it was an incredible, incredible experience," he said.

Skyline opts not to take winter gamble

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Those who did, spent less time on the ski slopes.

"They just weren't spending the money," Balmes said. "The economy down there, dictates what people do up here."

Balmes said the increase in minimum wage, which went to \$6.95 on Oct. 1, also factored into his decision not to open. He said a bulk of employees to run the ski hill are minimum wage employees, and naturally, veteran employees would also seek a pay hike.

Increased heating, fuel and insurance costs were other factors Balmes took into consideration before deciding not to open.

"All the costs have increased by 30 percent, and the economy is not any better than it was a year ago," he said. "This winter looks like a losing proposition," Balmes has owned the

Skyline Ski and Country Club since 1998. The business was established in 1945.

The business added the Hawk Ridge golf course two years ago.

Balmes said the golf business was a success this year, although people were spending their time on the links and less on food and beverages.

"All and all, it was a pretty good season, but they did spend a little less," said Balmes, who said there is also interest in buying the residential lots located adjacent to the golf course.

Balmes said he fears the impact on business if the area does not receive sufficient snow between Christmas and New Year's.

"This is going to be a wash for a lot of businesses up here," Balmes said.

Sandy Coe, the co-owner of Fay's Motel, said she has her

fingers crossed and is encouraging people to do snow dances so that Grayling can be a winter playground for tourists and downstate residents.

"That's all you can do because you can't do anything with Mother Nature," Coe said. "We need quite a bit of snow on the ground for snowmobiling and that is our big business. They spend a lot of money in this community."

Dean Smith, the general manager at Holiday Inn Grayling, said business owners throughout northern Michigan are anxious about the upcoming season. Smith said he heard a report that Gaylord lost out on \$1.5 million after being forced to cancel a three-day snowmobile racing event.

"If we don't get snow, it doesn't make much sense to be in business," Smith said. "It makes things lean for everybody."

Trail snow removal cost prohibitive

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District officials regarding snow removal. Wright said that it has

been determined to be too costly to purchase the equipment to remove the snow or to hire some-

one to do the work.

"We would love to be in the position to hire someone to have the snow cleaned off, but we're not right now," Wright said.

Wayne Koppa, chairman of the Crawford County Pathway Committee, said the issue is similar to any business or property owner in the community on whether they remove snow from their property.

"Some people clean their sidewalks off and some don't," Koppa said. "It would be nice to have the wherewithal to have the snow cleaned off, but there is not any pot of money or group of people sitting around that is in the position to have the snow moved from one place to another."

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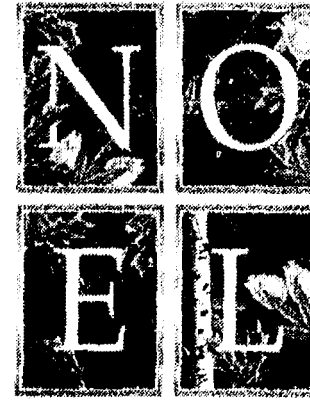
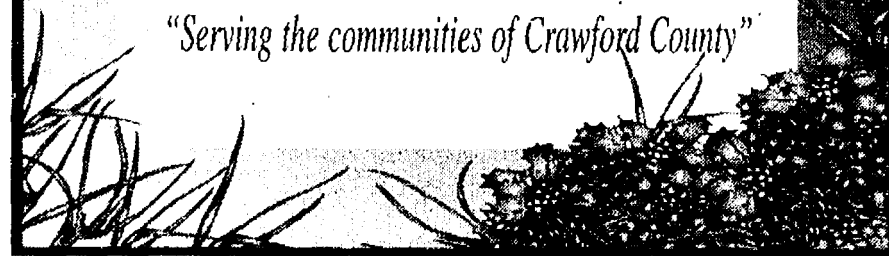
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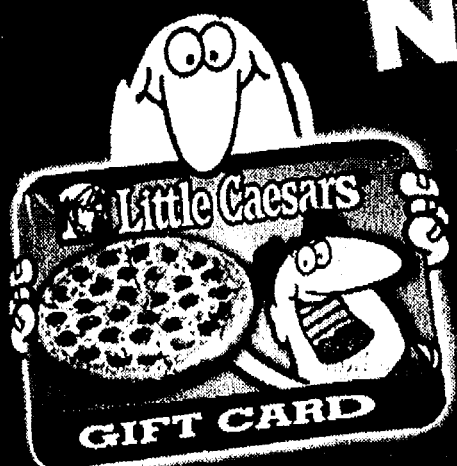
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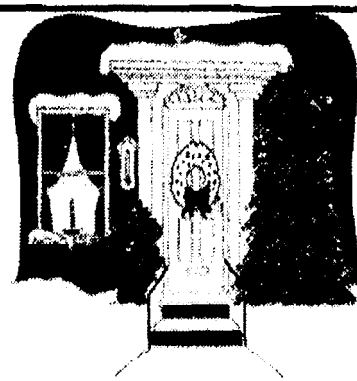
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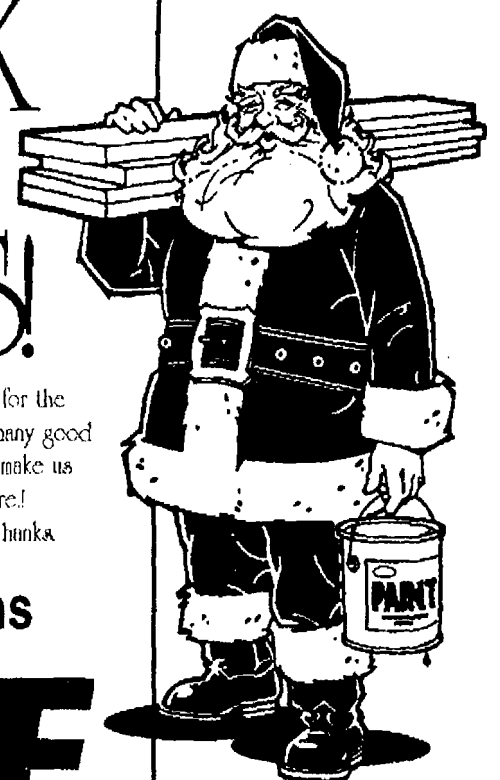


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Bowers honored as GPA 'Member of the Year'

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) honored member Barbara Bowers as the Grayling Promotional Association 2006 Member of the Year at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce December Business After Hours.

Bowers was chosen by fellow GPA members for her many years of hard work in the organization.

Members commented that she "is always very positive and volunteers on many GPA projects. She is a good listener and thinks things through, which is a great asset to GPA. You will recall seeing her with a great cheerful smile on her face while working at events such as: the Christmas Walk, Breakfast with Santa, selling Shop Grayling First discount books, the Entertainment Series, and the craft show to name a few."

Bowers has taken over the responsibility of the treasurers duties besides chairing the GPA Fall Arts and Crafts Show.

"As you see she has been very instrumental in the GPA organi-

zation and a great leader at rallying the members to the task," said GPA President Carolyn DiPonio.

"All of the GPA members agreed that this award is long over due," said DiPonio.

Besides her activity with GPA Bowers also is the chairperson for the yearly Kid's Day celebration during the AuSable River Marathon Festival week.

This is the 16th year GPA has honored a member. Past winners include Betty Bennett and Rose Duley, 1990; Donna Thompson, 1991; Linda Greenway and Mary Jo Conway, 1992; Mary Jane Knibbs and Joyce Bourrie, 1993; Maureen McNamara, 1994; Carolyn Diponio, 1995; Rae Ann Schanz, 1996; D.J. Brown, 1997; Marianne Gosnell, 1998; Deb Zelek, 1999; Gloria Kraus, 2000; Gail Madsen, 2001; Sherry Hanson, 2002; Linda Golnick, 2003; Carol Batway, 2004; and Laura Purtil, 2005



Carolyn DiPonio (right), president of the Grayling Promotional Association, presented Barbara Bowers (left) with the honor of the Grayling Promotional Association 2006 Member of the Year award.

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National Merit Scholarship Program



Robert Ramaswamy
Grayling High School Senior Robert Ramaswamy was named semifinalist in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) have announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 52nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship® awards, worth \$33 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must advance to the finalist level of the competition by fulfilling several requirements.

Established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program, NMSC is a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Scholarships awarded through the program are underwritten by NMSC's own funds and approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goal's of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

More than 1.4 million juniors entered the 2007 National Merit Program by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/MNSQT®). The nationwide semifinalists named in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program pool of semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. To become a finalist, a semifinalist must

have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance. The semifinalists and a school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self descriptive essay and information about the semifinalists participation and leadership in school and community activities. Approximately 15,000 semifinalists will advance to the finalist level and it is from this group that all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen.

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2007. Every finalists will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. In addition, some 300 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about 1,100 corporate-sponsored scholarships for finalists who meet their specific criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. Also, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,600 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

Merit Scholarship winners of 2007 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 242,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

Northwood University
Jessica Green, of Grayling, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by John D. Grether, academic dean of the university.

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Jessica is the daughter of Karl and Cheri Green of Grayling.




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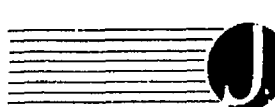
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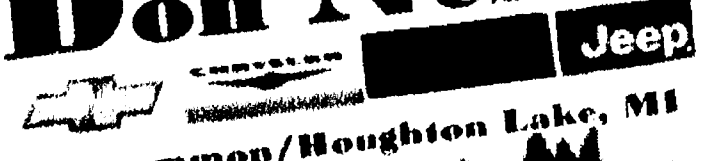
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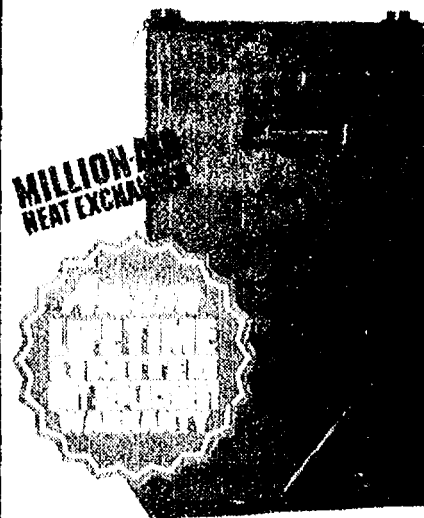
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Holiday display at credit union honors military

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A display of military artifacts has been loaned by the Crawford County Historical Society to the Northland Area Federal Credit Union in order to honor the military serving the country during the holidays.

The credit union, which has 13 branches, encouraged employees to decorate their buildings with displays based on the theme Christmas Around the World.

Several hats, helmets, uniforms and mannequins were loaned to the credit union from the museum. The display also includes items such as a canteen, a mess kit, several photographs of local veterans and newspapers covering war stories. The Christmas tree at the credit union is decorated with several American flags.

Each branch of the military is honored in the display, which was also held in conjunction with the credit union's collection of items for the Crawford County Toys for Tots program, which is done by the United States Marine Corp Reserves and Crawford County Community Christian Help Center.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Military artifacts from the Crawford County Museum have been on display at the Northland Area Federal Credit Union. Above, Debbie Smith, the assistant branch coordinator, and Helen Nolan, the branch coordinator, display one of the newspapers included in the collection of artifacts.

"We just wanted to honor our guys and girls that serve for us," said Helen Nolan, branch coordinator for the Northland Area Federal Credit Union in Grayling. Debbie Reese, the assistant branch coordinator, and Nolan coordinated the collection of items for the display and retrieved the artifacts from the museum.

"We tried to pull our resources

together to build more community involvement with one another," Reese said.

The Northland Area Federal Credit Union has a long history of serving the military since it was started at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base located in Oscoda, Nolan said.

A panel of judges representing the credit union supervisors and its board of directors judged the displays at the credit union branches. Although the Grayling branch did not win the contest, the display has been a big hit with customers. The display will be at the credit union through Jan. 1.

"We feel we won tremendously with our members," Reese said.

Members of the credit union have recognized family artifacts that they have donated to the museum, including a combat helmet that one member decorated with a Nazi insignia.

"He was quite taken aback when he saw it," said Donna Schnoor, a customer service representative for the Northland Area Federal Credit Union in Grayling.

Priscilla Geyer, the curator for the Crawford County Museum, ensured that the artifacts would be safeguarded while on loan.

"It's great for the business and great for the museum and can spark some interest in the museum and what's in there," Geyer said.

Kay Cosgray, president of the Crawford County Historical Society, said expanding outreach efforts during the museum's off-season is one of the historical society's goals. Cosgray said that the museum has loaned items to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library and the Crawford Station Restaurant located at the Holiday Inn Grayling for displays.

"It's an educational program and an awareness program for the museum, and when the credit union employees came to us, we were glad to accommodate them," Cosgray said.

Grayling artist wins award for basket

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"After you get so many baskets, what do you do with them all," she said.

Dosh continues to teach basketmaking and jewelry design. She, however, has cut back her schedule for attending art conventions and shows due to the costs involved.

"It's just not possible to recoup all of your costs," she said.

Dosh serves as the secretary for the Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw-Roscommon Intermediate School District Board, and is a former Crawford AuSable School District board trustee.

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Vikings open league schedule with comeback win vs. Boyne City

■ Varsity basketball team defeats Ramblers 59-56 at GHS on Friday

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team overcame an eight-point fourth quarter deficit to win last Friday's home game against the Boyne City Ramblers. The contest was Grayling's first Lake Michigan Conference game of the 2006-07 season.

The Vikings had a 19-12 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Boyne City led 32-29 at halftime, and the Ramblers took a 50-42 lead into the fourth quarter.

Grayling chipped away at Boyne City's lead and pulled within four at the 1:51 mark with a put-back by Jim Boylan. The Ramblers were called for travelling and Grayling scored two more points on an inside shot by Boylan. The Vikings trailed Boyne City by two, 56-54, with 1:31 remaining in regulation.

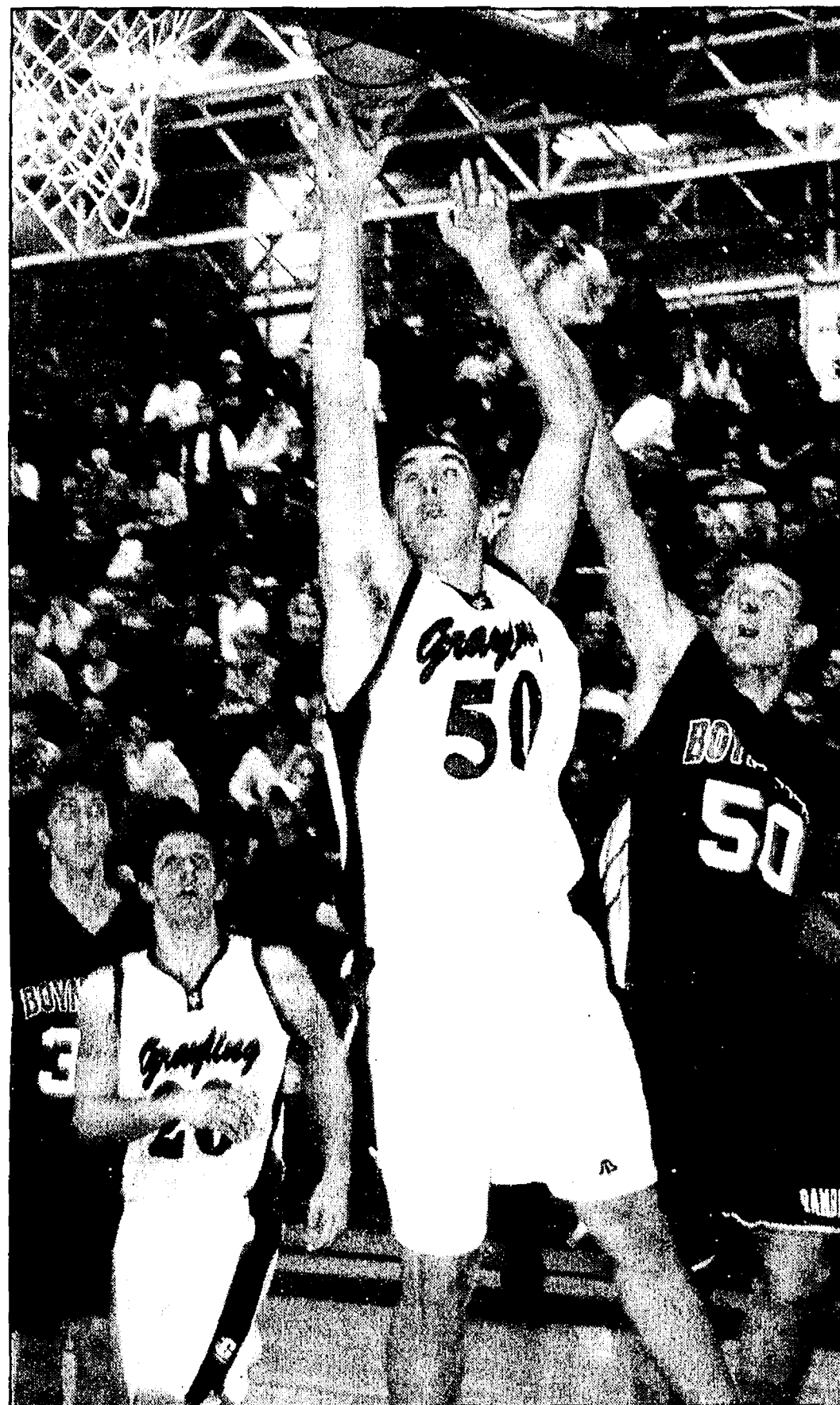
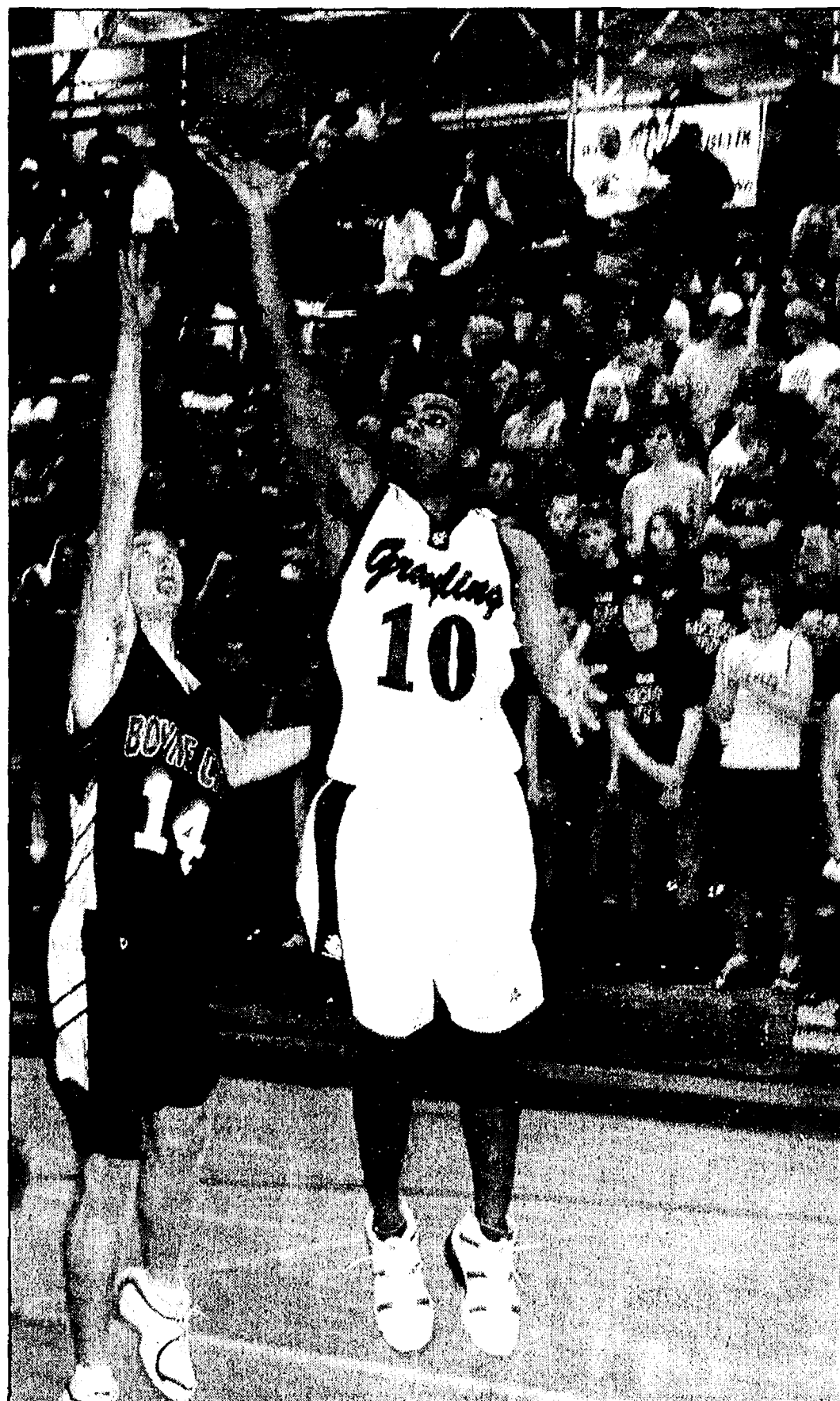
Richard Schreiber rebounded a Boyne City miss and the Ramblers fouled Steve Hodge at the other end of the court. Hodge hit one of two free throws to cut Boyne City's advantage to one point with 54 seconds left in the fourth period.

Trent Larm stole the ball and drove to the basket for a fast break layup, giving Grayling a one-point lead (57-56) with 37 seconds remaining.

Boyne City shot an airball and the ball landed out of bounds, giving Grayling possession of the ball.

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See "VIKINGS OPEN..."



(Left) Steve Hodge drives to the basket for a layup during last Friday's home game against the Boyne City Ramblers. (Right) Jim Boylan takes an inside shot for the Vikings on Friday night. Hodge had 15 points and 4 assists for GHS and Boylan had 19 points and 19 rebounds in the contest.

Vikings fall to Blazers 40-23 in first league wrestling meet

■ With GHS leading 23-16, Kalkaska posts four consecutive pins to win meet

In the team's first league meet of the 2006-07 season, Grayling High School's varsity wrestling squad fell to the Kalkaska Blazers 40-23 at

Kalkaska last Thursday.

The meet started with the 135-pound division, which Kalkaska won by decision 12-1 for a 4-0 lead. The Blazers won

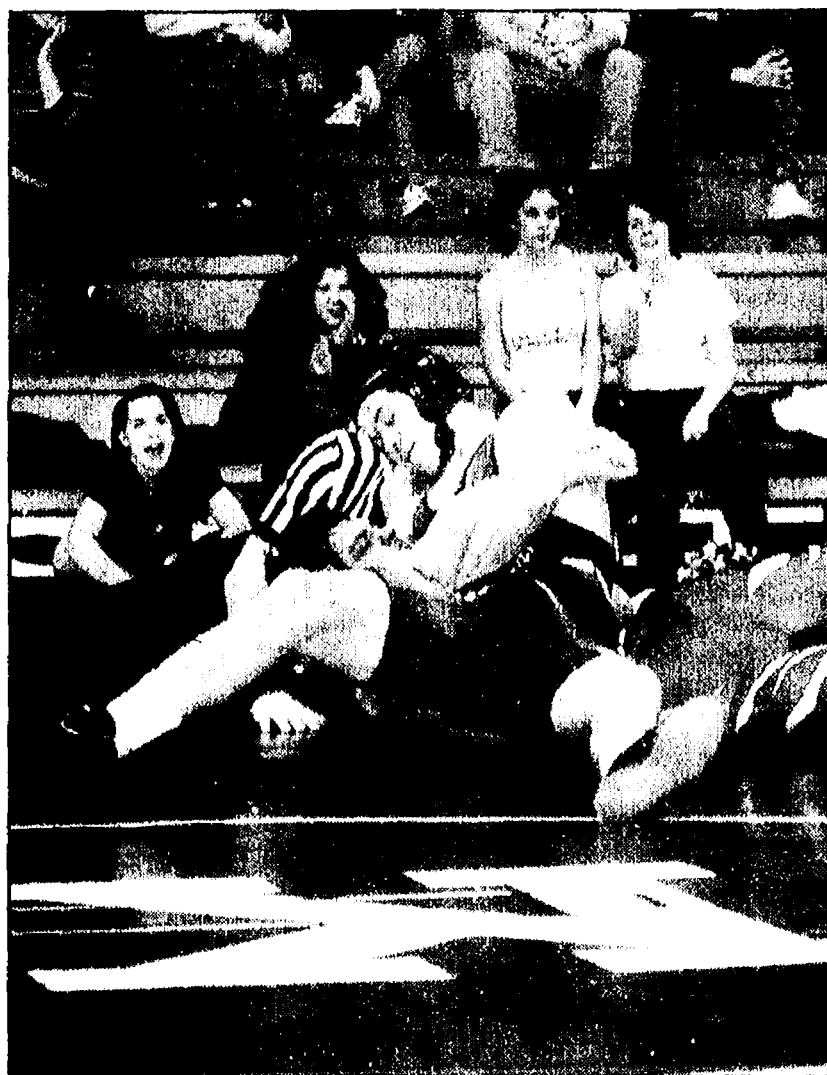
at 140 pounds by forfeit. In the 145-pound weight class, Kalkaska won 7-5 by decision.

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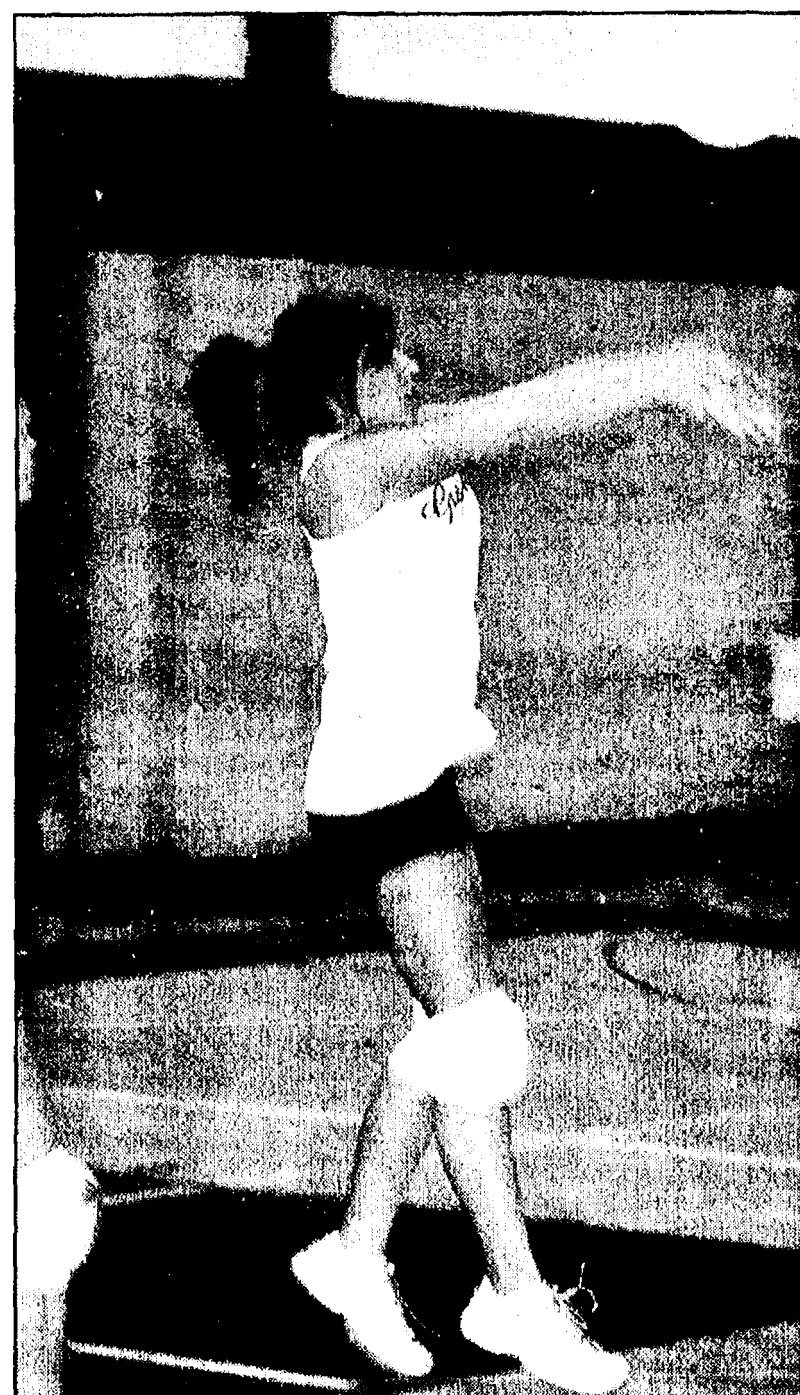


Eric Madill (189) wrestles against the Blazers at Kalkaska on Thursday. Madill won the match by decision, 19-2.



Jeff Bancroft, wrestling in the 160-pound weight class, pins a Kalkaska opponent in the first round during last Thursday's league meet.

Volleyball team hosts Boyne City, TCSF



Shentele Apps hits the ball during last Wednesday's varsity volleyball meet vs. Boyne City. For more, see Page 6B.

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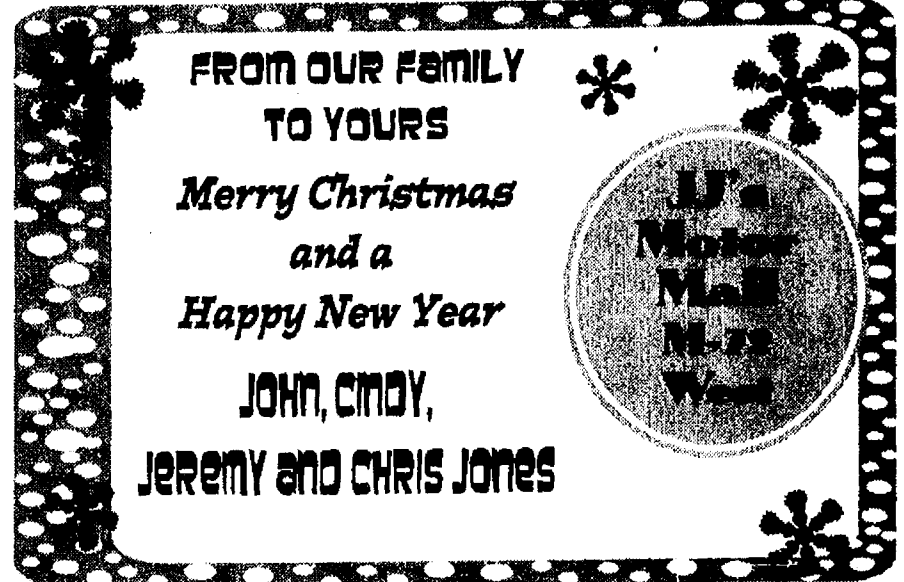
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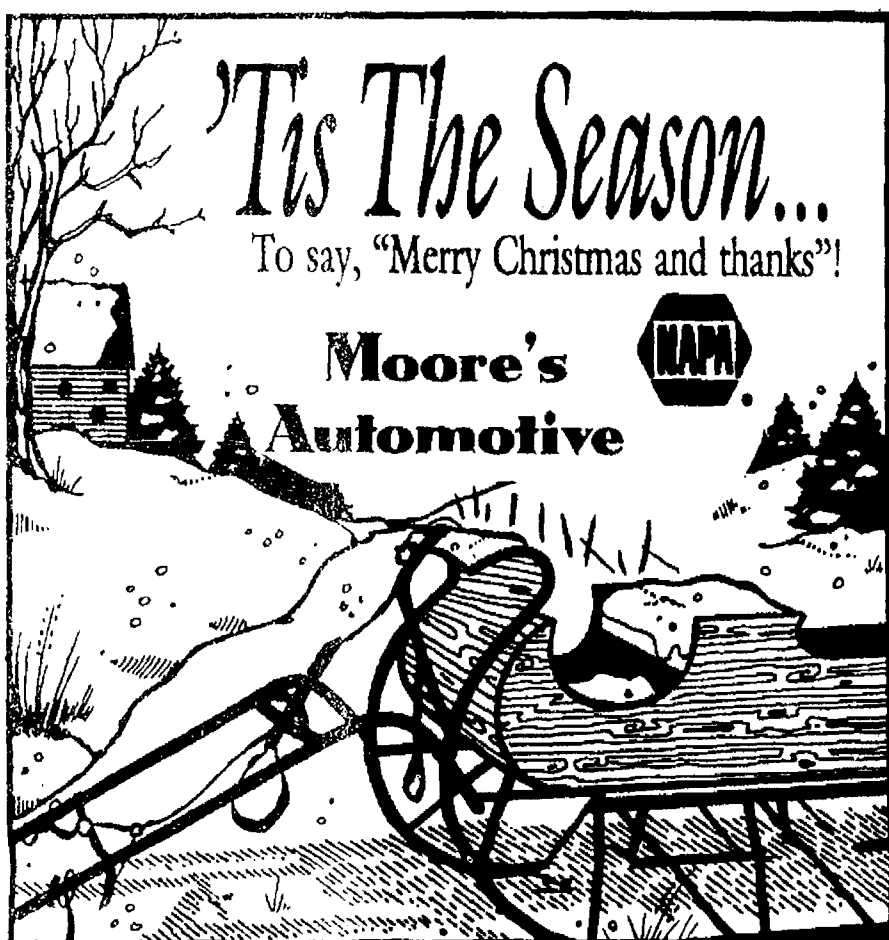
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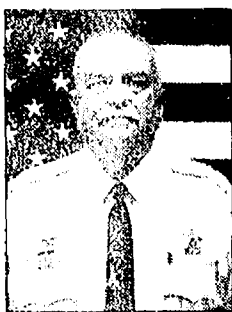


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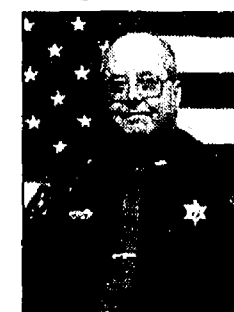
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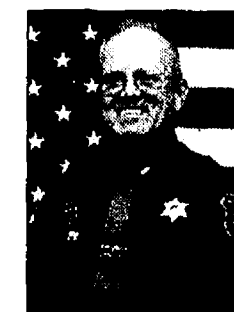
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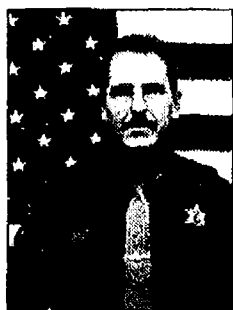
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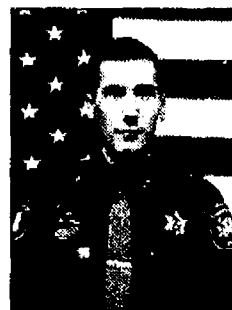
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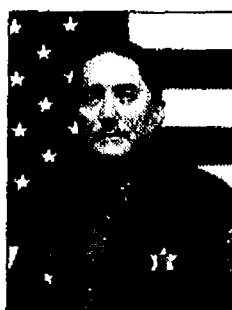
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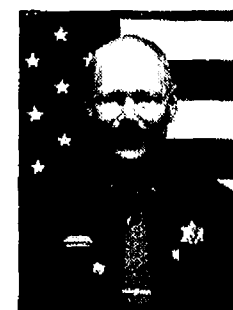
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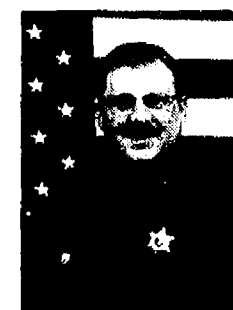
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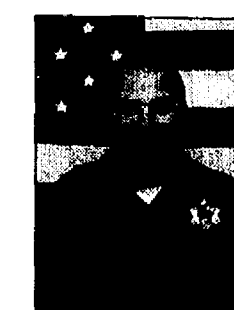
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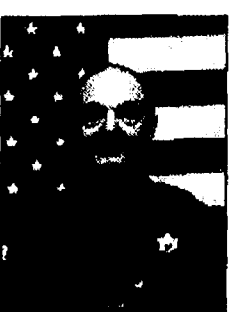
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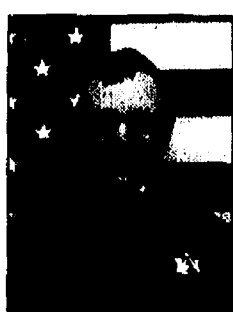
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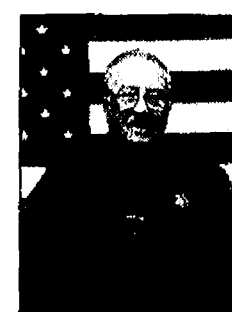
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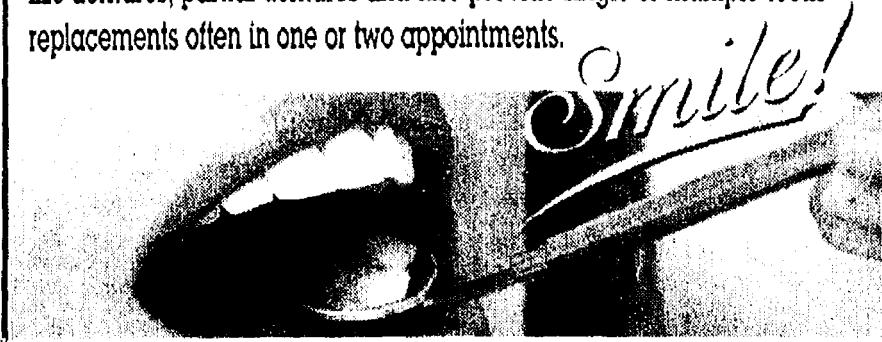
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Junior varsity basketball squad falls to Boyne City

■ **Ramblers win
56-37 vs. the Vikings
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School on Friday**

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad lost to the Boyne City Ramblers 56-37 last Friday at Grayling High School.

The Ramblers led 16-10 after one quarter and had a 28-18

advantage at halftime. Boyne City took a 43-28 lead into the fourth quarter and won the contest by 19 points.

"As a team we had a season-high 86 deflections. Despite having a season-high 35 rebounds we were outrebounded in the game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "I thought the effort was there and the kids played hard.

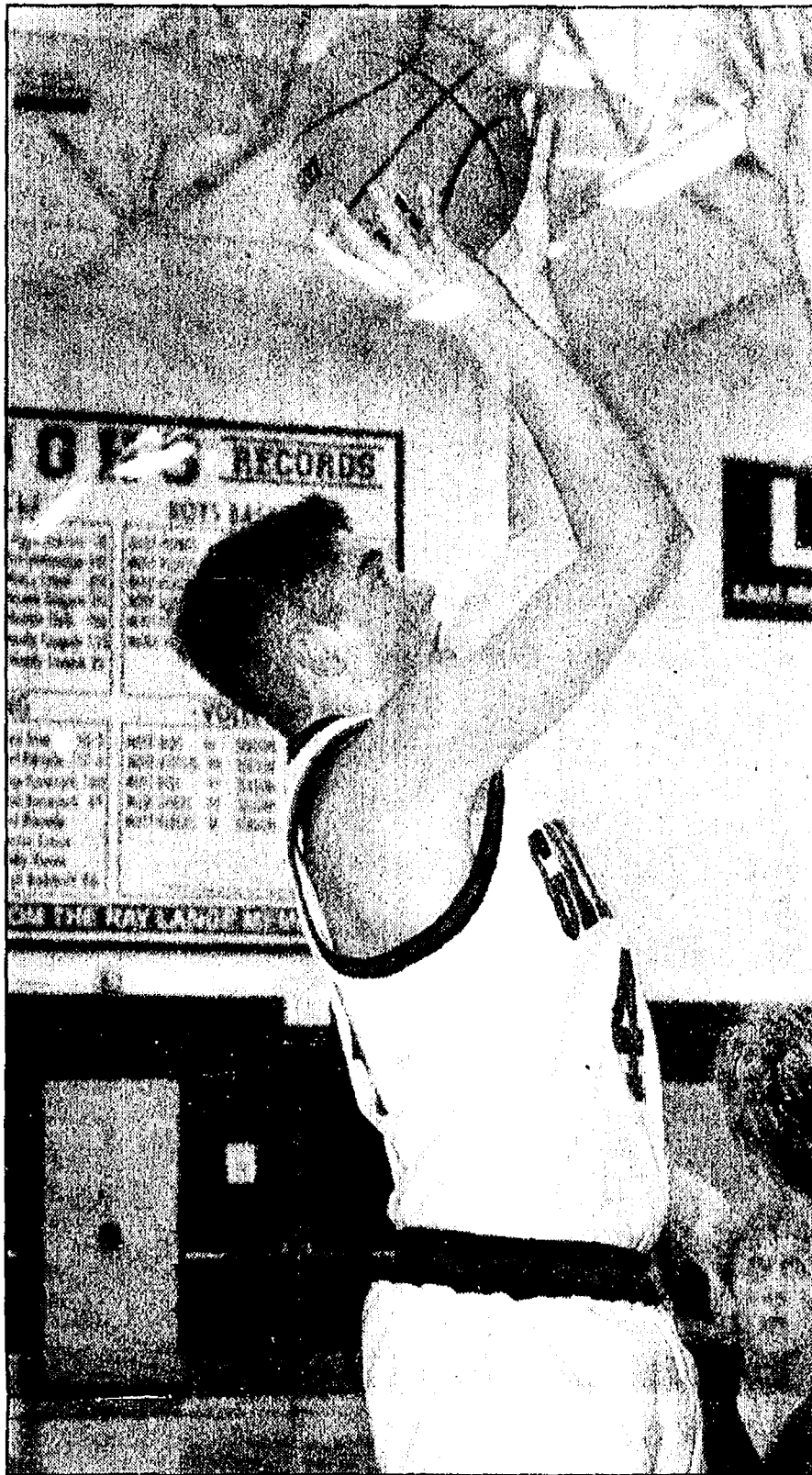
Yet again the name of the game is who can put the ball in the basket the most and at times it appears as though we forget that."

"This was a tough physical game and we simply couldn't find a way to put the ball in the basket. We need to attack more on offense and there are some players on our team who need to look to score," Coach Kucharek

said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Alex Gabriel, 10 points; Ryan Foguth, 12 points; Tyler Steffey, 4 points; Todd Johnson, 3 points; Dylan Nye, 2 points; Ross Teeple, 2 points; Jacob Aubry, 2 points; Doug Gothro, 2 points.

The JV squad will host East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 5.



(Left) Ross Teeple shoots for the JV basketball team on Friday night. (Right) Alex Gabriel drives to the basket for the Vikings vs. Boyne City.

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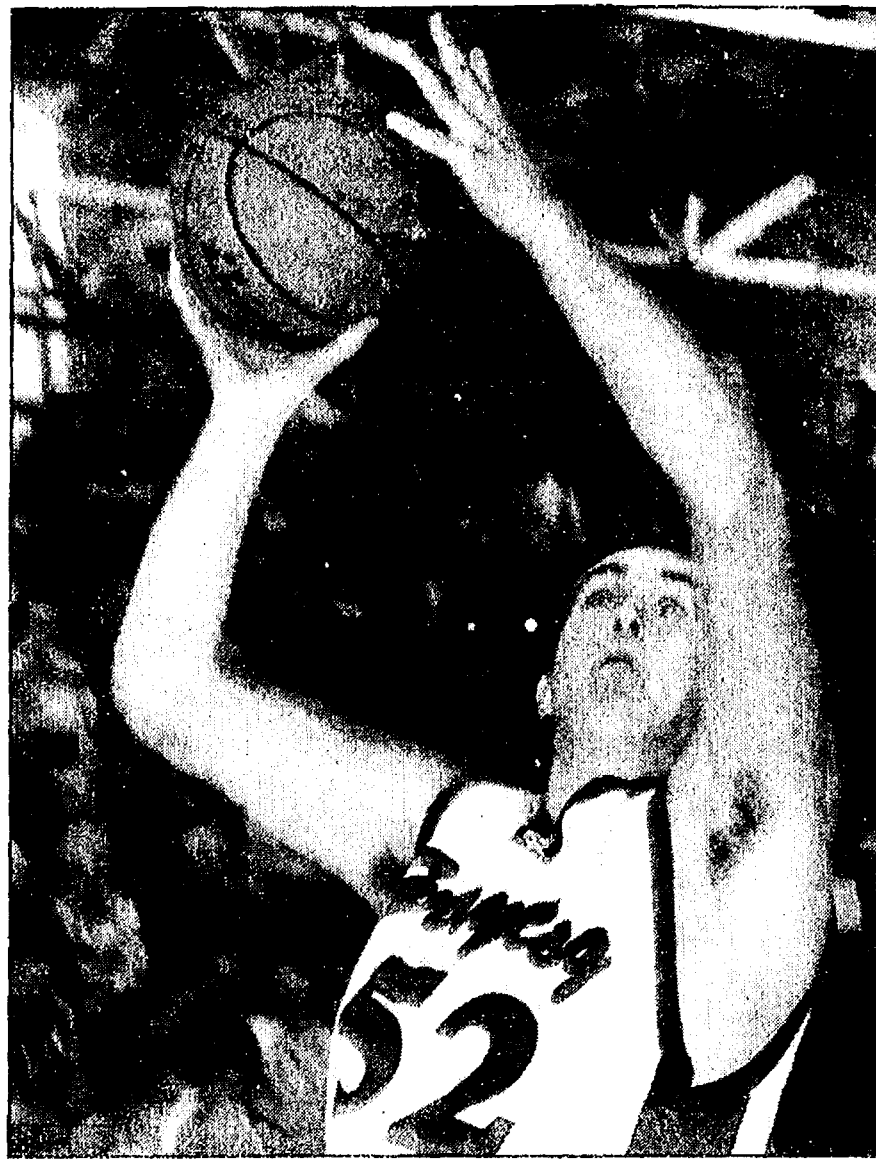
Tyler Steffey (left) and Doug Gothro (right) handle the ball for Grayling on Friday during the JV game against Boyne City.



Ryan Foguth dribbles the ball for the Vikings vs. the Ramblers.



Spencer Dean (left) and Mike Boylan (right) shoot the ball for Grayling during last Friday's conference game against the Boyne City Ramblers.



Vikings open league schedule with comeback win vs. Boyne City

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the ball with four seconds left. The Ramblers fouled Hodge on the in-bounds play and he converted both free throws. Grayling led by three points with three seconds remaining. Boyne City ended its final possession with a

double dribble violation. Grayling won 59-56.

"We came out really strong in the first quarter and then struggled in the second and third quarters," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Our kids played with a lot of heart and determination in the last

four minutes of the game. It was a much needed win."

Boylan had 19 points, 19 rebounds, and 3 blocks for the Vikings. Hodge had 15 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, and 3 steals. Larm had 9 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals. Richard Schreiber

had 7 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. Mike Boylan had 4 points, 10 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Spencer Dean, Nick Parkinson, and Justin Summers also scored points for the Vikings.

Grayling will host East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 5.



(Left) Nick Parkinson looks for an open teammate on Friday. (Right) Josh Stapleton dribbles the ball for the Vikings.



Jason Drudge handles the ball for Grayling vs. Boyne City on Friday.



Richard Schreiber sets up for a shot during Friday night's game.

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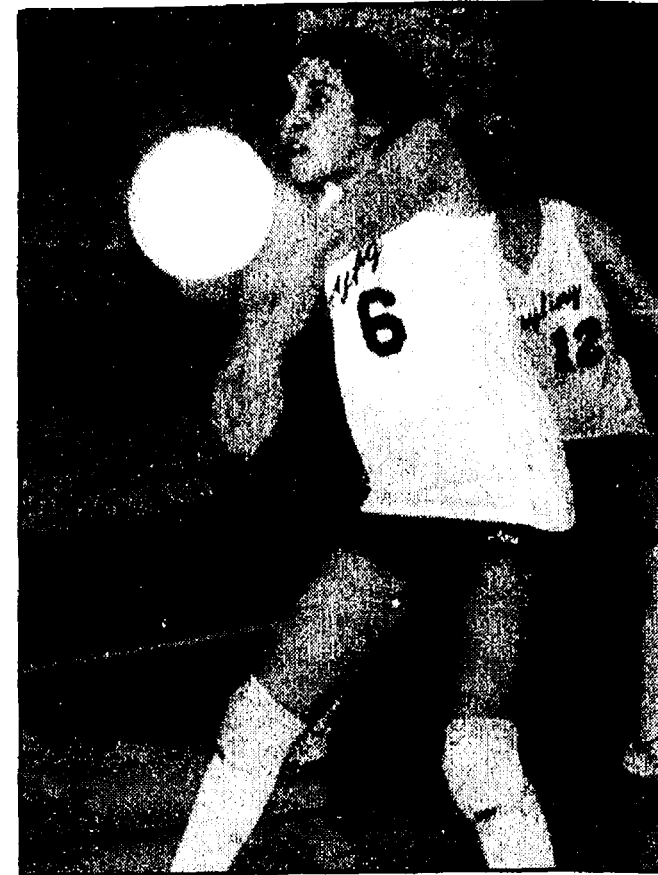
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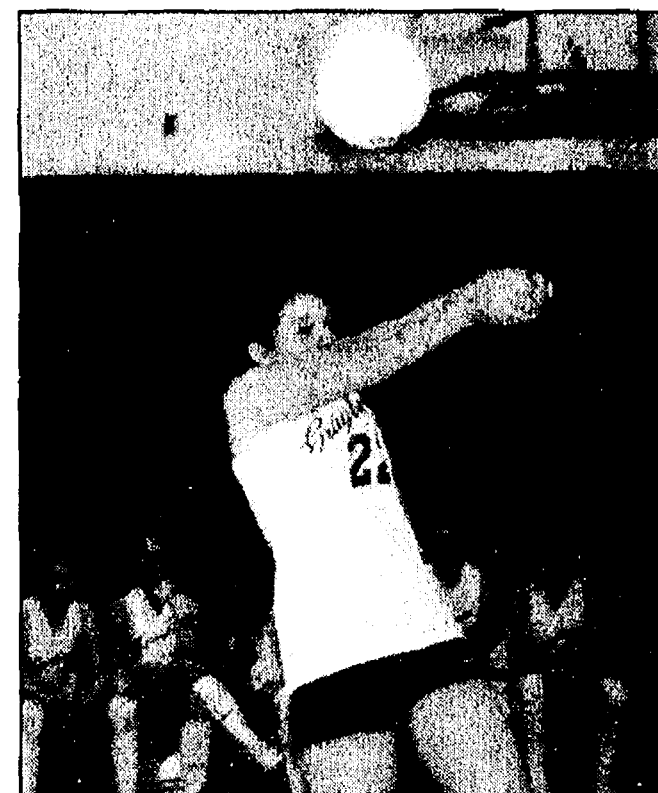
Volleyball team hosts Boyne City, TCSF



Annie Melroy (left) and Rene Clair (right) hit the ball for Grayling's varsity girls volleyball team vs. Boyne City on Wednesday. The Vikings also hosted Traverse City St. Francis. GHS fell to Boyne City 19-25, 11-25, 21-25, and lost to TCSF 10-25, 15-25, 24-26 in best of five sets.



Adrianna Voelker handles a Boyne City serve on Wednesday night.



Abby Wheeler (left) competes against Boyne City and Jessie Baker plays in the match vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

American Legion 4 - 0
Woody Girls 4 - 0
Gale Enterprises 4 - 0
Grayling Manf Housing 2 - 2
Days Inn 2 - 2
Hawk Ridge Golf 0 - 4
Mickey Perez CPA 0 - 4
Glen's Market 0 - 4
High Series: M. Starks, 516; L. Seibert, 504; S. Harney, 503.
High Game: S. Harney, 207; D. Junttila, 186; L. Seibert, 180.

Friday Mixed Doubles

G.L. Hauling 4 - 0
Collen & Starks 4 - 0
Great Lakes Roofing 3.5 - 5
Moshier Auto 3 - 1
Poopsie Pin Pounders 1 - 3
New "Kids" 5 - 3.5
American Legion 0 - 4
Foreget About It 0 - 4
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 642; R. Dent, 564; T. Collen, 552. High Game Men: D. Canfield, 246; R. Dent, 214; L. Bresmon, 205. High Series Women: M. Moshier, 606; S. Johnson, 538; C. Osborne, 525. High Game Women: M. Moshier, 256; S. Johnson, 203; C. Osborne, 189.

Senior Bowling

Grayling Pharmacy 47.5 - 12.5
Kickin Grass 31 - 29
Bear's Den Pizza 30.5 - 29.5
Flowers By Josie 30 - 30
Gaylord Electric 28 - 32
Spike's 27.5 - 32.5
Sylvester's 26 - 34

Lone Pine 19.5 - 40.5

High Series Women: H. Stairs, 497; C. Clark, 494; N. Glasslee, 471. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 179; C. Clark, 173; N. Glasslee, 165. High Series Men: P. Faustman, 603; F. Perriard, 572; K. Louchart, 542. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 220; F. Perriard, 218; K. Louchart, 217.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest 32.5 - 23.5
T. C. Lawncare 31 - 25
McDonald's 30.5 - 25.5
G.B.D. Const. 30 - 26
Cal Dutton Const. 29 - 27
Spicy Bob's 25 - 31
"S" B's 25 - 31
Tim's Collision 21 - 35
High Series: J. Cousins, 539; C. Clark, 527; B. LaMotte, 504. High Game: C. Clark, 201; J. Hatfield, 191; C. LaMotte, 190.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Gray Rock Cafe #1 64 - 34
Cuts and More 55 - 43
Spikes 51 - 47
River Rats 49 - 49
Gray Rock Cafe #2 49 - 49
Little Tyke Daycare 47 - 51
Denno 42 - 56
Jerry's Jokers 35 - 63
High Series Men: L. Wyatt, 504; M. Clark, 486; R. Strohpaal, 484. High Game Men: E. Brosky, and M. Clark, 194; L. Wyatt, 188. High Series Women: C. Wyatt, 477; T. Reed, 438; A. Kolka, 429. High Game

Women: C. Wyatt, 165; S. Harris, 165; T. Reed, 160.

Northwood League

Bud Lite Babes 38.5 - 21.5
Preston Heating 38 - 22
Choppers Spare 37 - 23
Riverland Rowdie 31.5 - 28.5
Pro Paint Princesses 31 - 29
High Series: N. Glasslee, 495; B. Havens, 480; T. Hellebuyck, 479. High Game: M. Peck, 196; B. Havens, 184; T. Hellebuyck, 182.

American Men's League

Scheer Motors 38 - 11
West Side Diner 27 - 22
Fenton's Auto Serv. 26 - 23
McLeans ACE 24 - 25
Derwich Ind 22 - 27
GADCO 22 - 27
Grayling Chiropractic 20 - 29
Moore's Auto 17 - 32
High Series: Larry Davis, 710; J. Thayer, 617; Lance Davis, 606. High Game: Larry Davis, 260; J. Thayer, 243; P. Faustman, 218.

National First

Continental Rental 7 - 0
Legion Lanes 7 - 0
J- Bar 5 - 2
Upper Lakes 5 - 2
Corky's Karaoke 2 - 5
Great Lakes Mort. 2 - 5
Scott Pittman Bld. 0 - 7
Faustman Insurance 0 - 7
High Series: D. Walker, 652; J. Hunt, 650; D. Lawe, 624. High Game: D. Walker, 255 and 243; J. Hunt, 241.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

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Two Track I 90
Holiday Inn 79
Two Track II 74

Sawmill 64
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Legion 53
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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team

The Kirtland Community College men's basketball team equaled visiting foe Mott Community College basket-for-basket for nearly three-quarters of its conference clash at the CRAF Center in downtown Roscommon on Saturday, Dec. 9.

But the Bears got on their team bus with a 14-point win, 96-82, after pulling away from the host Firebirds in the last 10 minutes of Saturday's contest between the two Michigan Community College Athletic Association, Eastern Conference rivals.

The two teams traded three-pointers and were tied, 41-41, late in the first half before sophomore forward Brian Suchowsky (Houghton Lake) hit a free throw with 59 seconds left to give Kirtland a one-point advantage, 42-41, at halftime.

The see-saw battle continued well into the second half, as the two rivals again found themselves tied, 53-53, with more than 13 minutes remaining in the contest. But that's when Mott began to slowly pull away and secure the MCAA victory.

A quartet of Kirtland cagers scored in double digits, as freshman forward Brian Christian (Detroit Mumford) led the Firebirds with 25 points, 4 assists, 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Sophomore forward Sal Kabara (Elden Academy) added 17 points to go with his team-high 8 boards and 4 blocked shots, while freshman forwards Leroy Allen (Henry Ford Academy) and James Conway (Gaylord)

chipped in 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Also adding to the Kirtland stat sheet were: freshman forward Jerry Foliot (Northwestern, MD) with 8 points and 2 rebounds; Suchowsky with 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal; and sophomore guard Matt Tompkins (Fairview) with 5 points, 1 assist, 1 steal and 1 blocked shot.

The loss drops the Firebirds to 5-4 overall and 0-2 in MCAA action.

Women's Team

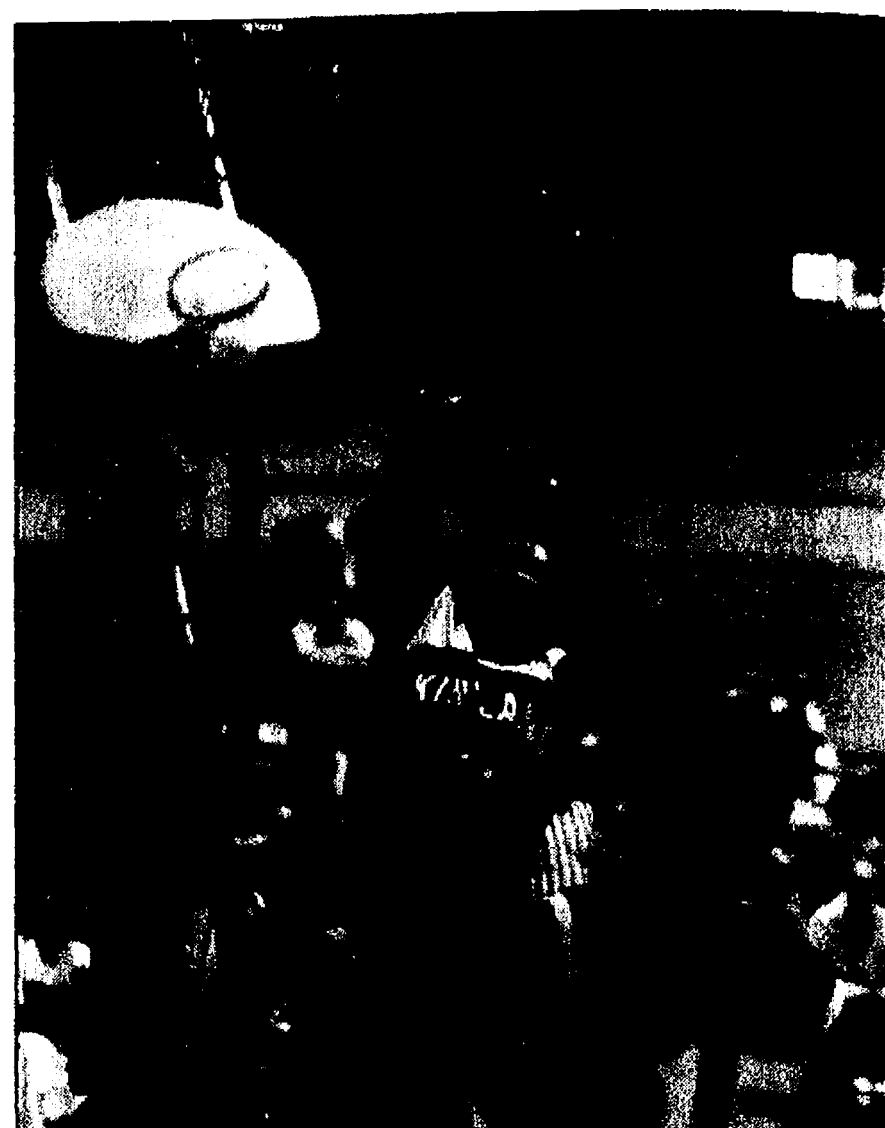
The Kirtland Community College women's basketball team struggled early against conference foe Mott Community College, falling behind by 17 points at halftime, a lead the Firebirds couldn't overcome in a 95-73 loss on their home court at the CRAF Center in downtown Roscommon on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Kirtland nearly equaled the Bears' effort in the second half of the clash between the two Michigan Community College Athletic Association, Eastern Conference rivals. But the stalemate after the break didn't allow the Firebirds to erase the double-digit lead, 48-31, which the Bears had built at intermission.

A pair of former Houghton Lake basketball standouts, sophomore center Chelsey Williams and sophomore forward Natalie Foster, helped lead the Firebirds (5-5 overall, 1-1 MCAA) on Saturday. Williams posted a team-best 17 points, 15 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 blocked shot, with Foster adding 13 points and 3 rebounds. A third Houghton Lake alumna, freshman forward Alyssa Loney, chipped in 4 points and 2 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Liz Stempki (St. Ignace LaSalle) was the only other Kirtland cager to score in double digits, tallying 10 points in the loss. Other contributors for the Firebirds included: freshman guard Trisha Petersen (Grayling) with 8 points; sophomore guard Rena Barnett (Pine River) with 7 points; and freshman guard Deonna Brazelton (Denby) with 6 points.

For more information on KCC athletic programs, call 989-275-5000, extension 385, or visit online at firebirds.kirtland.edu.



A trio of Mott defenders can't stop Kirtland sophomore center Chelsey Williams (No. 52, Houghton Lake) from getting off an inside shot during second-half action of Saturday's game at the CRAF Center in Roscommon. Williams had an impressive afternoon against the visiting Bears, tallying a team-best 17 points and 15 rebounds in the Firebirds' loss to their MCAA rival.



Firebirds freshman guard Trisha Petersen (No. 22, Grayling) leads a fast break against Mott Community College on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon. Petersen scored 8 points in the loss to the visiting Bears.

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles A. Gilbert, Jr., An Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 11, 2003, and recorded on December 3, 2003 in Liber 660 on Page 411, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven And 14/100 Dollars (\$42,627.14), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 10, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 79, 80 and East 1/2 of Lot 78, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated: December 7, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sara Priebe and Robert Belcher, single persons, joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2004, and recorded on June 21, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 286, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Eighty And 90/100 Dollars (\$110,080.90), including interest at 9.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 17 and 18, Block 1, of Oak Hill Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, According to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Allen L. Labo and Laura K. Labo, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Homeowners Loan Corp., a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2004, and recorded on January 28, 2004 in Liber 665 on Page 479, and

assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five And 28/100 Dollars (\$91,675.28), including interest at 9.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, AuSable Trails Subdivision, being part of the North East 1/4 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timberview Village, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, to First National Bank of Michigan, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 1997 and recorded April 1,

1997 in Liber 427, Page 325, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee for the CSFB Trust 2004-CF2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine and 03/100 Dollars (\$132,769.03) including interest at 10.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 3, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
 All that part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter lying East of US-HWY 27, except the North 982.71 feet thereof, Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West. Also the West 328 feet of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, except the North 982.71 feet thereof, Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: November 30, 2006
 Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48067-5041
 (248) 457-1000 File No. 269.1019

-30-7-14-21

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded on December 21, 2001 in Liber 564 on Page 309, and recorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 210, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Seven And 90/100 Dollars (\$75,507.90), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the RECORDED Plat thereof, as RECORDED in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heidi J. Smock, a single woman, to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 14, 2004 and recorded June 15, 2004 in Liber 669, Page 77, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance, LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and 98/100 Dollars (\$41,972.98) including interest at 7% per annum.

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 10, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 3, Block 2, of Hadley's Second Addition, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 7, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer

Under the power of sale contained in

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for an open position with the Crawford County Health and Human Services Agency. Members of this board assume responsibilities and duties to set goals and objectives to meet community needs. The board assures through policy and procedures, that the agency programs are translated with both efficient and effective services. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford County resident, have a genuine desire to devote time and effort to develop a knowledge of public welfare. The deadline to submit applications is Friday December 29, 2006. Applications may be sought from Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Maple Forest Township Notice of Open Position

The Township of Maple Forest is seeking an individual to fill a vacancy on the Maple Forest Township Planning Commission Board. The term for this position is 2 (two years) beginning January of 2007.

Qualification include:

- Maple Forest Township land owner
- Maple Forest Township registered voter

Interested applicants may contact planning commission members by January 1, 2007:

Bernard Feldhauser, Secretary (989) 348-7397
Ernest Wagner, President (989) 348-1411

Crawford County Planning Commission Board Position

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for positions on the Planning Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest and foresight in future planning and community growth in planning and zoning for Crawford County. Must be able to make good decisions and participate at monthly meetings held every first Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Applications may be sought from and returned to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, no later than December 29, 2006 at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PU060005 Requesting development of a Planned Unit Development.

Petitioner: Two Lakes Building Corporation
29201 Telegraph Road
Southfield, MI 48034

The above case refers to the following described property:
Wilows Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Township: South Branch
Legal Decs: PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 36, T25 R2W
Property Code: 062-036-009-020-00
Zoning District: LDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 310.1143
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Joyce Harland and Paul J. Harland, Wife and Husband

to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 19, 2004 and recorded August 2, 2004 in Liber 670 Page 716 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 2004 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WHQ1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$102,640.92) including interest 9.45% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 16, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 708 Plum St, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: NOVEMBER 30, 2006
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of September 1, 2004 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2004-WHQ1.

Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 06-60049

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey Rakis aka Jeffrey P. Rakis, A Married Man and Nicholas B. Baynham, A Single Man as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2005, and recorded on July 19, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 355, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four and 52/100 Dollars (\$110,354.52), including interest at 6.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 10,

2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel D: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said section 3; Thence South 1 degree 22 minutes 45 seconds West (along the Section line), 598 feet to the point of beginning; Thence continuing South 1 degree 22 minutes 45 seconds West, 326 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds West, 1347.16 feet; Thence North 1 degree 40 minutes 15 seconds East 326 feet; Thence North 89 degree 53 minutes 37 seconds East, 1345.46 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2006

For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
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File #116747F01

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FORECLOSURE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: David P. Williams and Laura M. Williams, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, L.L.C., Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2004 and recorded August 20, 2004 in Liber 671 Page 86 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Household Finance Corp III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Six Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$157,606.46) including interest 8.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, January 3, 2007. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 180, Ausable Woods Number 5, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 3038 West Jones Lake Road, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Household Finance Corp III, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-58785(HSBC) ASAP# 804166 11/23/2006, 11/30/2006, 12/07/2006, 12/14/2006, 12/21/2006 -23-30-7-14-21

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT

THE PREPARER OF THIS NOTICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by **Thammy A. Jackson, an unmarried individual**, of 8153 North M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, Mortgagor, to Firstbank West Branch, Mortgagee, dated August 15, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on August 24, 2006, at Liber 516 pages 108115, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due hereof the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and 25/100 (\$58,850.25) Dollars, including interest at 6.9% percent per annum.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan; NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Crawford

County Courthouse in Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in the mortgage, to pay the total amount due in principal and interest on the mortgage and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the mortgaged premises described as follows.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, beginning at the Northwest corner of same and running thence South 0 degrees 45 minutes East along the West line thereof, 219.4 feet; thence South 49 degrees 32 minutes East, 579.6 feet to the right of way line of Highway M144; thence North 40 degrees 28 minutes East along same 165 feet; thence North 49 degrees 32 minutes West 724.2 feet to the point of beginning, South Branch Township, Crawford County.

Street Address: 8153 North M18, Roscommon Tax parcel No. 20-061-033-006-280-00

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. The property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale plus interest, any unpaid encumbrances on the property, and any advances paid by the Mortgagee. For additional information, contact Danny Gallagher, Firstbank West Branch, of 502 W. Houghton Ave., PO Box 335, West Branch, Michigan 48661, or the preparer of this Notice.

Dated: November 30, 2006
JUA?REZ & JUA?REZ, PC, Attorneys for Mortgagee
132 South Eighth,
West Branch, MI 48661
(989) 345-0601

-7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeani Stepke, An Unmarried Woman and Larry M. Ebersole, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2005, and recorded on November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 684, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Six And 38/100 Dollars (\$121,866.38), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 36 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 1104.91 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 466.01 feet to an intermediate traverse line along Kolka Creek; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 32 seconds West along said traverse line 199.61 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds East 470.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 33 seconds West 199.74 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records. The North and South Lot lines extend Westerly to Kolka Creek. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from Twin Peaks Road being 33.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.67 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 329.63 feet; thence South 05 degrees 34 minutes 34 seconds West 354.39 feet to the centerline of Twin Peaks Road and the point of ending of this centerline description. Also together with and subject to a 30 foot

wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from a private drive being 15.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.67 feet; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 81.52 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds West 431.87 feet to the point of ending of this centerline description, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: December 21, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #119832F01

-21-28-4-11

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara A. Selesky and Marjorie P. Wall, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004, and recorded on August 23, 2004 in Liber 671 on Page 124, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Six And 46/100 Dollars (\$173,786.46), including interest at 12.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes East (along the East and West 1/4 line) 563.2 feet; thence North 9 degrees 35 minutes East, 1323.7 feet; thence North 27 degrees 35 minutes East, 400 feet; thence North 1 degree 40 minutes East, 171.25 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 80 degrees 25 minutes West, 135 feet to the Easterly bank of the Ausable River; thence North 13 degrees 04 minutes East (along said river bank) 200.4 feet; thence South 80 degrees 25 minutes East, 225.2 feet to the Westerly right of way of Chicksaw Trail; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes West (along said right of way), 202.8 feet; thence North 80 degrees 28 minutes West, 135.0 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the waters edge of the Ausable River

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #119747F01

-21-28-4-11

Brownfield Authority - Board Appointment

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are seeking applications for an open position on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The authority works to redevelop contaminated, blighted and/or functionally obsolete properties in Crawford County. Applications can be submitted through December 29, 2006 at 4:00 pm to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Darrel M. Sauter, a single man, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated July 1, 2003, and recorded on August 15, 2003 in Liber 647 on pages 546 through 552 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$54,604.38, including interest at 15.00% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold as two separate parcels to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Lot 154, Grayling Mobile Estates #4, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan: According to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 37, Crawford County Records, Tax Code: 20-040-45-283-00-154-00.

AND

Lot 153, Grayling Mobile Estates #4, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan: According to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 37, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.324.1a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale.

Date: December 4, 2006

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
989-892-4574

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Akers at 7:30 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Akers offered a moment of personal meditation and asked that we remember Gordon "Sandy" Thompson a past Mayor that passed away this past week.

III. Roll Call
Members Present: Larry Akers, Roger Moshier, Kim McClain, Kim Millikin, Tom Wellman

Members Absent: None
Also in Attendance: David A. Thayer, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Dave Sabin, Mary Jergenson, Gaila Gilliland, Dennis Palmer

IV. Approval of Agenda
06-273

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to approve the agenda as presented:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

V. Public Comment
The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

• Mary Jergenson

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

**Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
October 11, 2002**

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2006
06-274

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VII. City Manager Report
The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues:

• CDBG ICE Grant
• Union Contracts
• Ordinance Codification

Mayor Akers appointed the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney and Councilperson Wellman as a Committee to start looking at Charter Amendments.

VIII. Unfinished Business
None

IX. New Business

A. Comp Time Policy - Salaried Employee
06-275

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to approve the proposed Comp Time Policy for Salaried Employees as presented subject to the review of the City Attorney of the last sentence; if found to be in conflict with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the last sentence will be deleted, typing errors will be corrected as well (see attached):

Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (McClain), Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

B. Employee Holiday Bonus
06-276

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to provide an Employee Holiday Bonus of \$50 for each full-time employee and \$25 for part-time employees, fire fighters, Fire Chief, temporary police officer, and crossing guard:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

C. Mayor Appointments
1. Compensation Commission
06-277

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Joe Ferrigan to the Compensation Commission for a 5-year term expiring on January 01, 2012:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

2. Planning Commission
06-27

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Wellman to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of Dan Bonamie to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term expiring on January 01, 2010:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

D. Council Appointments
1. Housing Commission
06-279

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to re-appoint Harold "Tyke" Golinick to the Housing Commission for a 5-year term expiring on January 01, 2012:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

2. Zoning Board of Appeals
06-280

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to appoint Dan Bonamie as the Planning Commission Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

06-28

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to re-appoint Cora Flowers to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member for a 3-year term expiring on January 01, 2010:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

E. Grayling City Calendar 2007
06-28

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to re-appoint Shirley Currison to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term expiring on January 01, 2010:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

F. Grayling City Calendar 2007
06-28

Moved by McClain, seconded by Millikin to approve the Grayling City Calendar 2007 as presented (see attached):

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

X. Reports

A. Financial Report for October 2006

B. Police Department Report for October 2006

C. Fire Department Report for October 2006

D. Planning Commission Report and Minutes Dated November 21, 2006

E. Parks & Recreation Committee Report and Minutes Dated October 18, 2006

F. DDA Report and Minutes Dated October 26, 2006

G. Housing Commission Report

XI. Public Comment

The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

• Gaila Gilliland
• Mary Jergenson

XII. Councilperson Comments

The following Councilperson(s) expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

• Roger Moshier
• Kim Millikin

XIII. Closed Session

A. Property Acquisition

B. Personnel - Michele Moshier (Employee Request)
06-284

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition and a personnel matter regarding Michele Moshier as per the employee's request:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Closed Session: 8:45 PM - 9:27 PM
06-285

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to extend the meeting past 9:30 PM:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

06-286

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Moshier to go back into closed session to discuss the personnel matter as requested by Michele Moshier:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Closed Session: 9:28 PM - 9:45 PM

XIV. Correspondence

XV. Adjournment
06-287

Moved by Wellman that the meeting is adjourned; Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:46 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vickie R. Odden and Timothy Odden, wife and husband, as tenants by the entirety, to Amerique Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2005 and recorded August 5, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 573, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Three and 75/100 Dollars (\$65,883.75) including interest at 9.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 10, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North one-half of the North one-half of the South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 8 Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: December 7, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.3187
-7-14-21-28

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy James Gillette, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2005, and recorded on August 3, 2005 in

Liber 676 on Page 495, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight And 29/100 Dollars (\$82,798.29), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 17, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot numbered 13, Red Pine Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 7, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 14, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #118667F01

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Ferguson and Jennifer L. Ferguson, husband and wife, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006, and recorded on February 14, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 834, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Everhome Mortgage Company as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Nine And 46/100 Dollars (\$92,809.46), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, thence East 330 feet to the Place of Beginning; thence North parallel with the West line of West 1/2 of said Southeast 1/4 to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence East on said 1/4 line 165 feet; thence South at right angles 160 rods to the South line of said Section 29; thence West 165 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: December 21, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305

Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #117828F01

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Alvida M. McKinstry, a single person, to U.S.D.A., Rural Development dated November 23, 1988, and recorded in Liber 290 page(s) 417. Said mortgage was subsequently assumed by Joy B. Wright, a single person, in an agreement dated August 26, 1991.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made

by Joy B. Wright, a single person, of 2741 E. M-72, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to U.S.D.A., Rural Development, 3001 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, Michigan, dated August 26, 1991 and recorded on September 16, 1991 in Liber 330, Page(s) 486 in Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$74,812.44.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on **January 24, 2007 at 10:00a.m.** local time, in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 8.75 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale. The property is situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford, and described in the mortgage as:

Being a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the E 1/4 corner of Section 16, T26N, R2W, thence South 88° 43' 40" W along the East and West 1/4 line, 1485.91 feet, thence North 00° 41' 42" West, 59.44 feet for a POB; Thence continuing North 00° 41' 42" West, 329.17 feet, thence North 89° 58' 50" West, 145.16 feet, thence South 00° 42' 08", 271.13 feet, thence South 68° 17' 00" East, 156.97 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, but if the property is abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days.

Dated: December 21, 2006

For further information contact: Rural Development, 240 W. Wright St., West Branch, MI 48661. (989) 345-5470 ext. 4

Kirk C. Ellsworth (P39700)
Attorney for Mortgage Holder
2920 Blueberry PL
Saginaw, Michigan 48603
(989) 790-0994

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda K. Lawyer, a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to Comerica Bank, a Michigan State Chartered Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2002, and recorded on July 11, 2002 in Liber 587 on Page 607, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine And 31/100 Dollars (\$83,699.31), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 24, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel No. 2 of Suire Valley Estates being a part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 700.82 feet along the North line of the Section, thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 1434.95 feet along the Westerly R.O.W. line of the N.Y.C.R.R. for a point of beginning; thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 125.08 feet along said R.O.W. line; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 3563.02 feet, thence North 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds East 124.30 feet along the West line of the section to a point which is South 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds West 1451.27 feet along the West line of the section from the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East 3546.16 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel No. 3: Part of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 700.82 feet along the North line of

the Section thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 1560.03 feet along the Westerly R.O.W. line of the N.Y. C.R.R. for a point of beginning; thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 124.43 feet along said R.O.W. line, thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 3580.79 feet, thence North 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds East 123.70 feet along the West line of the section to a point which South 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds West 1575.57 feet along the West lie of the section from the Northwest corner of said Section 11, thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds East, 3563.02 feet to the point of beginning.

Ingress and Egress to the above described parcel of land is hereby granted over an easement 66 feet wide whose center line is described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of the Section, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 700.82 feet, thence South 7 degrees 02 minutes 22 seconds East 2657.86 feet along the Westerly R.O.W. line of the N.Y.C.R.R. for a point of beginning; and running thence from said point of beginning South 89 degrees 29 minutes 16 seconds West 1309.77 feet to a point, and thence North 0 degrees 36 minutes 26 seconds East 1339.80 feet; and also over an easement 33 feet wide whose West line begins at a point which is South 1 degree 10 minutes 00 seconds West 1326.57 feet along the West line of the section from the Northwest corner of said Section 11, and running along the Section line to a point which is 13.63 feet Southerly of the West 1/4 corner. The above described land is subject to use by others over such parts of the above described easements which lie within the subject property.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 21, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302

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Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #119543F01

SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2006 MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
Present: Musselman, Janisse, George, Kozlowski, and Luck.
Absent: None.

Motion made by Luck, seconded by Musselman, to accept agenda as presented.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Luck, seconded by George to accept consent agenda.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Janisse, seconded by Luck, to accept medical program/physicals for the Fire/EMS Department as presented at the November board meeting.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Luck, seconded by Kozlowski, to accept Aaron Pryor as a new member of the Fire/EMS Department.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Musselman, seconded by Luck, to approve the purchase of a Wall-Pak Lite for \$500.00.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kozlowski, seconded by Luck, to accept, with the recommendations made by the Planning Commission, the PUD presented by Two Lakes Building Corp.
Ayes: Four. Nays: One. Motion passed.

Motion made by Janisse, seconded by Musselman, to accept the 2007 Tax Collection fee schedule as presented for Kirtland Community College, C.O.O.R., and Gerrish-Higgins School District.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kozlowski, seconded by Luck, to accept for payment the invoice from Crawford County Road Commission for sign maintenance in South Branch Township.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kozlowski, seconded by Luck, to accept the DeWitt Land Division as presented.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kozlowski, seconded by Luck, to accept for payment the invoice from Michigan Municipal League, in the amount of \$607.00.
Ayes:

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 22, 1960 - Viking - Boyne City game, pictured are Grayling Vikings in white: Frank Gross #14, Sherm Neal #42, Tim Neal #30, and #34 Joe Robertson.

23 Years Ago December 22, 1983

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners have frozen wages, salaries, and new hiring of county employees until Aug. 1984. Commissioner Mary Harland made the motion to freeze all wages and salaries and freeze all new hiring, including replacements for retirements, terminations, and resignations with the exception of contracted services. The motion passed 6-1 with commissioner Larry Mattis the nay voter. The freeze order was prompted by an expected \$57,000 deficit in the 1983 budget and reduced revenues in the 1984 budget.

For the fifth year in a row, the city of Grayling will have a major street paving program. The Grayling City Council at their regular meeting Dec. 12 authorized Grayling City

Manager Jerry Morford to begin preliminary work with an engineer in Traverse City for a 1984 street program. It will be the eighth major street improvement program for the city in the last ten years.

Three accidents closed south-bound I-75 for several hours Friday near the M-93 overpass. Shortly after 11 a.m. two semi-trucks and an auto went out of control on the slippery roads and I-75 had to be closed to pull the trucks out of the ditch. At 1:12 p.m. a semi-truck hauling logs failed to stop before the accident area and also went off the road causing I-75 to be closed longer.

The cost of removing dead animals for the Crawford County Animal Shelter will increase from \$55 to \$100 a month in January. County commissioners, already facing a possible \$57,000 debt for 1983, have

asked commissioner John Miller to check into burying the dogs.

Grayling's defense continued to wreck opponents as the Vikings notched their second straight win 50-41 over Boyne City in boys basketball.

A late start this season slowed the GHS volleyball squad in their first tournament losing to U.P. champion Brimley and two other squads.

46 Years Ago December 22, 1960

The Grayling Vikings sit atop the Northern Class C Conference basketball standings as the result of victories over East Jordan and Boyne City. They are the only unbeaten team in the conference now.

Several cases of infectious hepatitis have been observed in and near Frederic. Dr. Richard Saran, director of Health District No. 1 reported to the Avalanche. He stated that it could not be termed an epidemic, but rather a minor outbreak.

The choir of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints will present a selection of favorite Christmas carols on Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling. Members of the choir are: Norval Stephan, Tressa Stephan, John Stephan, Bernard Fowler, Pat Fowler, Helen Jensen, Flora VandenBerg, Earl Mathewson, Beulah Doty, Betty Doty, Luanna Isenhauer, Lorna LaMotte and Jay Doty.

69 Years Ago December 23, 1937

The independent team known

as the Hanson Cafe quintet opened the basketball season Friday night, Dec. 10 by defeating Kalkaska by a score of 26-21 on the home court.

Miss Hazel Wilkinson is a new assistant at the Plaza Grill.

Under sponsorship of the Rube Babbitt Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, a Golden Gloves tournament will be held in the Grayling High School gymnasium on the nights of January 18, 19, 20, 25 and 26. This will be a big event for Grayling and plans now are to hold this tournament at Grayling as an annual affair.

Miss Virginia and Emil Kraus Jr., are home for the holidays from the University of Detroit, and are assisting in the Kraus & Co. \$1.00 store during the rush.

92 Years Ago December 24, 1914

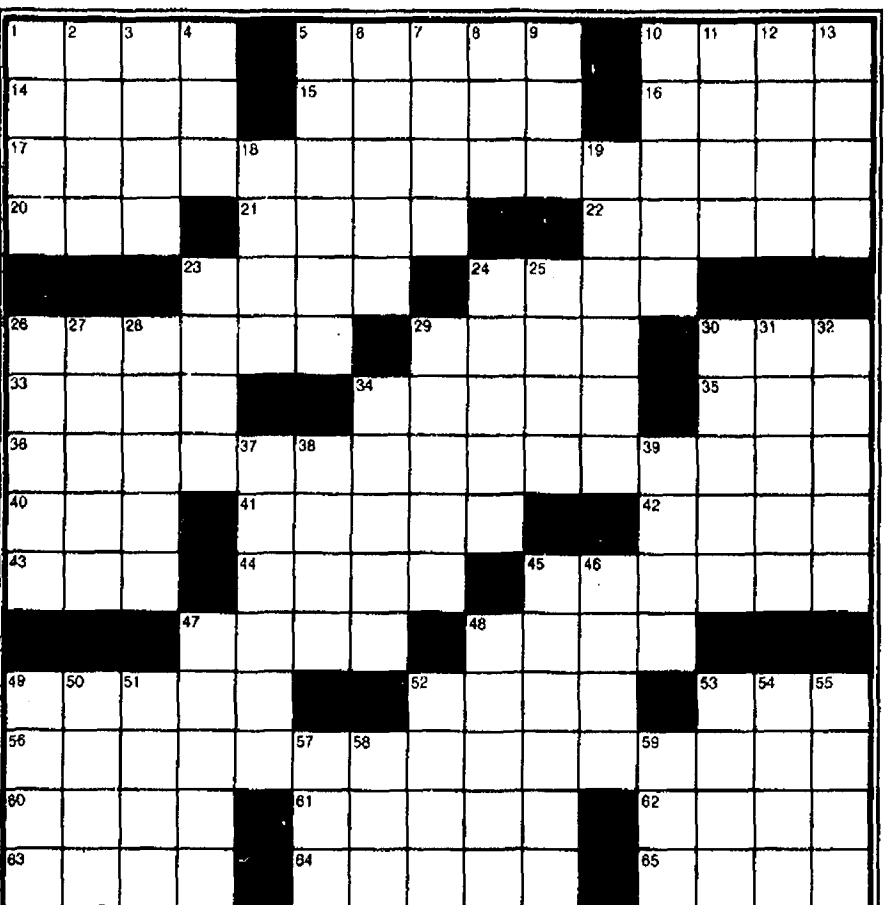
The gymnasium which is being erected by the Danish Young People's Society is now nearing completion. The price of joining gymnastic classes is \$1.50 a month, payable quarterly in advance. This is not a Danish affair altogether but open to everyone 14 years of age and older.

The single mill at Lovells started working last Monday.

Burt Peterson is clerking at the Emil Kraus store during the holiday season.

Frank Carpenter of this city has established a milk business here, supplying his first customers Monday.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- NASCAR driver ... Jarrett
 - Sharp, hooked claw on a bird of prey
 - Small, round bread that opens into a pocket for filling
 - IMZ ... Russian maker of heavy motorcycles
 - Sun-dried, unfired brick of clay, sand and straw
 - Ferrara, actor
 - Excessive adherence to ecclesiastical forms and activities
 - Word placed before nouns to limit their meaning
 - Primeval Egyptian personification of air and breath
 - Supports on which things can be put
 - Traded his birthright to his twin brother Jacob for a mess of pottage
 - Unexpected slide
 - Comb-like membrane of birds and reptiles eyes
 - Furniture designed for sitting on
 - Dyspeptic condition
 - Country located in west Asia
 - Official language of Finland
 - Member of the Royal Flush Gang
 - Study of paralinguage
 - Acronym for Estimated Time on Route
 - Relating to the philosophical doctrine of the reality of ideas
 - Fit of shivering
 - Unacceptable behavior, especially ludicrously false statements
 - Close in time
 - Frustrate a plan
 - Piece of furniture with a writing surface
 - Arguments in favor of a proposal
 - Rebuke
 - Blemish made by dirt
 - Make a choice
 - In an unceremonious manner
 - Unscrupulous business operation
 - Repairs something that is damaged
 - Rebuke
 - Possessive form of "she"
 - White mist formed in the air when water vapor condenses by cooling
 - Acronym for American Organization of Nurse Executives
- Down
- Musical composition for two performers
 - Curved shape in the vertical plane that spans an opening
 - Spin together to form a cord
 - Extension at the end and at right angles to the main building
 - Abel Janszoon ... the Dutch explorer
 - Farewell remark
 - Word borrowed from another language
 - Acronym for Oriental Blank Stare
 - Conclusive in a process or progression
 - Walked in one direction then another while waiting for something to happen
 - Wading birds of warm regions having long, slender down-curved bills
 - Hard outer covering of some amoebas and sea urchins
 - Voluntary contributions to aid the poor
 - Freedom from embarrassment
 - Inflammation of the iris
 - River in Norway
 - Capital and largest city of South Korea
 - Shinto deity
 - Australian maker of Cobra replicas
 - Muse of lyric and love poetry
 - Mark used by an editor to indicate where something is to be inserted into a text
 - Alternative rock band of the early 1990s formed by Bob Mould
 - Goat-like antelope of central Eurasia
 - Happen
 - Besiege
 - Move quietly and stealthily
 - Designating an equation whose terms are of the first degree
 - 13th or 15th day of month in ancient Roman calendar
 - Large marble used for shooting in the game of marbles
 - Self-evident statement
 - Poor, homeless wanderer
 - Supposes
 - Reddish-brown Old World raccoon-like carnivore
 - Wash by removing particles
 - Fifth album by Nightwish
 - Indication of damage
 - Having finished or arrived at completion
 - Located at the head of a fjord on Norway's southern coast
 - Have the will and intention to carry out some action
 - Specific classification of aircraft having the same basic design, including all modifications that result in a change in handling or flight characteristics
 - Acronym for Emergency Medical Service
 - Performing arts venue in Bury, Greater Manchester
 - North American republic containing 50 states

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Ginger Shortbread Cookies

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|------------------------------|---|
| 3 cups flour | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 1 cup light brown sugar | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1/4 cup corn starch | 2 Tbsp. molasses |
| 1 1/2 Tbsp dried orange peel | 2 Tbsp. water |
| 1 Tbsp ground ginger | 1 egg |
| 1 Tbsp pumpkin pie spice | 1 cup cold butter, cut into 1-inch pieces, icings, sugars and sprinkles |

MIX flour, sugar, cornstarch, orange peel, ginger, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt in a large mixing bowl. Whisk molasses, water and egg in small bowl; set aside. POUR molasses mixture over flour; beat with mixer until dough forms a ball. Knead for 2 to 3 minutes until smooth. Divide in half, wrap in plastic wrap. Chill a minimum of 2 hours. CUT butter into flour mixture using a pastry blender or 2 knives until the mixture resembles coarse meal. ROLL dough on lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutters. Place on baking sheets. BAKE for 11 to 13 minutes in a preheated 350° F oven. Cool on wire racks. DECORATE as desired with icings, sugars and sprinkles.

Makes: 3 dozen cookies

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Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
12/13	45	38	0.55						
12/14	42	32	0.02	High 40	High 41	High 36	High 33	High 33	High 28
12/15	46	34	t	Low 35	Low 35	Low 30	Low 28	Low 24	Low 23
12/16	38	30	0.01						
12/17	44	32	t						
12/18	45	29	0						
12/19	33	24	0	Few Showers	Showers	Few Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 21, 2006

<p>CAPRICORN December 22-January 19</p> <p>Keep an eye on a close friend, Capricorn. They are not feeling well and may need your help. Holiday invitations begin piling up. Make time to sort through them.</p>	<p>ARIES March 21-April 19</p> <p>A cheeky affair makes you think twice about joining someone's inner circle. Don't hesitate to say no, Aries. Backing out later won't be so easy.</p>	<p>CANCER June 22-July 22</p> <p>Presto, Cancer! You work your magic at a party and are rewarded in numerous ways. A clean sweep at home reinvigorates your spirit.</p>	<p>LIBRA September 23-October 22</p> <p>No plan is foolproof, not even yours, Libra. Be prepared to answer questions and face objections. A big purchase requires more definitive research.</p>
<p>AQUARIUS January 20-February 18</p> <p>A friend's rise to the top doesn't sit well with others. Resist the urge to join the bandwagon, Aquarius. Take a walk in their shoes and be supportive instead.</p>	<p>TAURUS April 20-May 20</p> <p>Those close to you agree that you've been closemouthed long enough. Speak up, Taurus, and let your ideas be heard. You have many. A present makes you giddy.</p>	<p>LEO July 23-August 22</p> <p>Many say you lead a soap opera life and at no time is this more evident than this week. Highs and lows punctuate the week, Leo. Soon, however, that roller coaster will end.</p>	<p>SCORPIO October 23-November 21</p> <p>A relative has you zigzagging in a million different directions. Put an end to the madness now, Scorpio. It is the season of giving, but you don't have to be that giving.</p>
<p>PISCES February 19-March 20</p> <p>Nary a day goes by that you aren't reminded that the holiday season is upon us. Start preparing for the events ahead now, Pisces, and you won't feel so tense later.</p>	<p>GEMINI May 21-June 21</p> <p>Sweet dreams, Gemini. Rest and relaxation are on the agenda as a big project wraps up. Use the time to putter around the house and do your own thing.</p>	<p>VIRGO August 23-September 22</p> <p>A clever retort makes you wish you had a way with words. Perhaps it's time you made the dream happen, Virgo. A local class is a good place to start.</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21</p> <p>Put an end to a wild goose chase, Sagittarius. Searching for answers will get you nowhere and lead to frustration. A tasty holiday treat hits the spot.</p>

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Crawford County Avalanche

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1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06t/1)

1. Real Estate

3,600 SQ. FT. HOME 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, walkout basement, 28 x 28 garage on 2 1/2 acres behind Fox Run golf course, Grayling. \$10,000 down, land contract. 989-529-8765. (-21-28/1)

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/1)

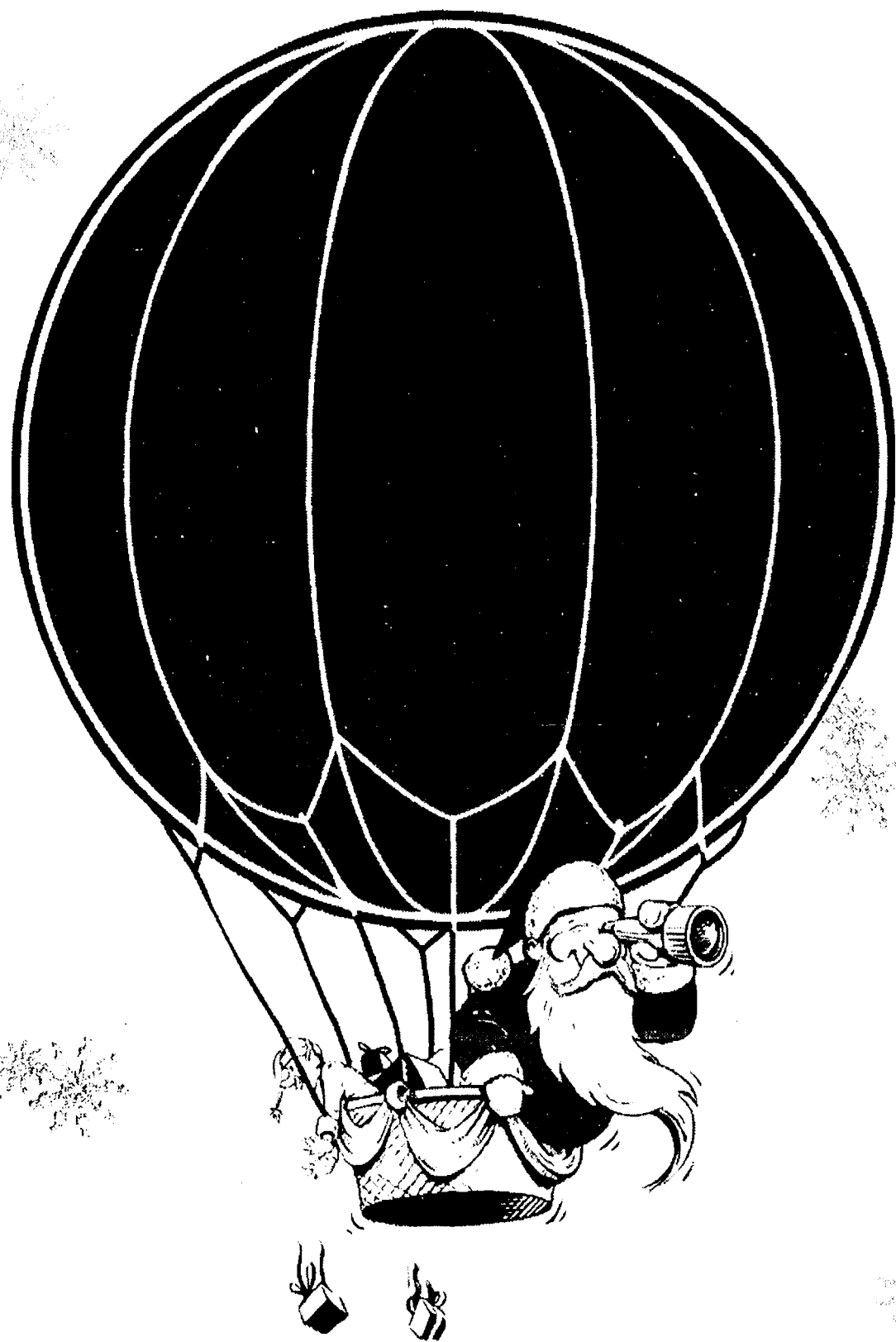
1. Real Estate

REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL. M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06t/1)

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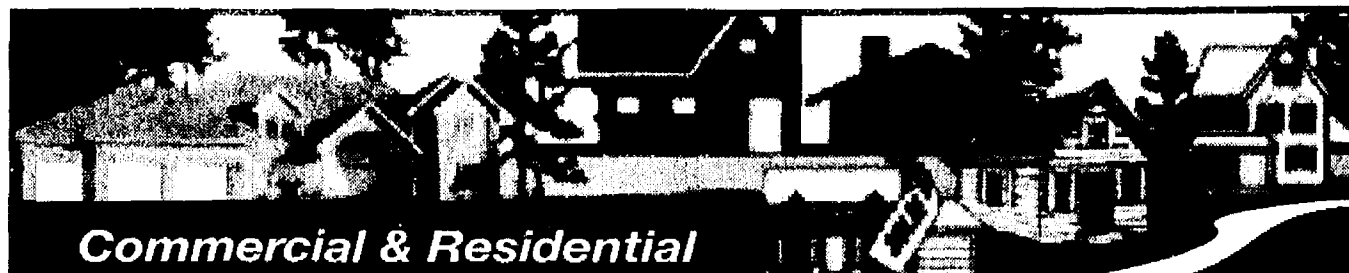


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30 beautifully wooded acres with state land bordering on two sides, treed with mostly hardwoods, and terrain is mostly level. Cabin has 2 bedrooms, one bath, runs off a generator, and comes furnished. Great area for snowmobilers, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts. \$89,900 #5774

7.39 acres of gorgeous hardwoods with a Full Log construction home! This cozy 3 bedroom full log home has plenty of charm, is situated in a nice clearing and has a neatly constructed fire pit, and horseshoe pits. \$148,000 #5775

3 Bedroom, 1 bath home with full basement, paved drive, fenced yard, and a 26 x 28 garage. The location is fantastic, in the city limits, walking distance to the hospital, schools and shopping. \$78,000 #5664

Near the Lake! This Mobile is in NEW condition. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, New Carpet, Fresh Paint, 2 Car Garage all on a beautiful lot. All this for only \$64,500 #5727

Custom built home on the Manistee River. Two bedrooms with bath on the upper level and full walkout basement with 2 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Attached garage with workshop. Pond stocked with fish. Priced to sell at only \$180,000 #5573

Recently updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home conveniently located just minutes from Grayling in a quiet subdivision. Home features hardwoods flooring, ceramic tile, new windows, new vinyl siding, master suite, two car attached garage, concrete driveway, landscaping, patio and decking! \$115,000 #5769

Perfect for the snowmobile enthusiast. Large detached storage building 18 x 36 for all the toys. Charming 3 bedroom home with 2 baths and an attached garage. Fireplace and formal dining area. Sun porch is a great place for some relaxation. #5662 \$98,000

Very nice duplex built in 1994, both units are very nice and approximately 1200 S.F. each with single stall garages, hot water heat, washer and dryer. There is a 30 x 40 pole barn with 10 foot walls on the property in the rear also. \$179,900 #5677

Featured Listing

The Good Life



Own your piece of "The Good Life". Remote up north majestic 40 acres of property, bordering state land on 3 sides. Year around running creek with spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife. 1600 feet of frontage on Big Creek. Three bedroom home with 2 baths and a sunroom. There is a partial basement and an attached and heated 1 1/2 car garage. Horse barn is 32 x 60 and an additional outbuilding 24 x 60. #5517 \$39,900

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Just Listed
Good starter home or investment. This could even be that cabin you are looking for.
#248523 \$52,000

Cozy custom built 3 bedroom, 2 bath home full of country charm. Central air, jacuzzi tub, knotty cedar in living room, 26' x 28' attached garage and 24' x 40' detached garage with workshop. 12' x 16' sunroom to enjoy all the seasons. Beautifully landscaped on 2.5 acres. #243985 \$159,900

Beautiful, spacious 4 bedroom 3 bath home on 2 lots in Lake Of The North, Otsego Co. Tile, hardwood floors, fresh paint and new carpet. Large heated 3 car garage to store the toys. Outdoor wood furnace for efficient heating of hot water and home. Front deck to sit and enjoy the evenings.
#245098 \$173,000

This older, well cared for home offers lots of space. Corner fenced-in lot, steel siding with 50 year guarantee, hardwood floors, large partial basement accessed from the inside with outside door as well. 2 car heated garage, nice yard. Roof approximately 8 years old. Must see to appreciate. #247678 \$105,000

Affordable 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house with 3/4 basement. Good shape to move right into. Excellent location, close to downtown. #247714 \$63,500

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VACANT LAND
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Great 10 acre parcel offers mixed variety of tree cover, a hill, and adjoins state land to the South and East sides. Great property to build new home with a walk-out basement or just to enjoy. Close to Manistee river and trails. #246818 \$39,900
Looking to build? Excellent 10 acres, high and dry with a mixture of hardwoods and pines. Electric adjacent. #248003 \$29,900
Very secluded property. Hardwoods, hunting camp special. Lots of orchards in the area. #241380 \$29,900
Great building site in area of fine homes. Close to town, paved road. Outstanding price. #248533 \$19,900

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MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT no animals, \$610 a month. Includes all utilities and cable. Above the Frederic Inn. Call 348-8636 or 705-7111, ask for Sis or Lona. (9/28/06tf/2)

2. For Rent

WORKING IN THE AREA and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (-21-28-42)

FOR RENT Two bedroom, one bath home located in town at 404 Brink St. The rent is \$560 per month, and the security deposit is \$550. References and income required. (989) 619-9689. (-14-21/2)

FOR RENT Three bedroom, two bathroom home located six miles south of town on Seven Mile Rd. The rent is \$650 per month with a \$650 security deposit. References and income required. (989) 619-9689. (-14-21/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom rentals available, \$500 a month, plus security deposit. For more information call Ron at 989-344-2053. (11/16/06tf/2)

FOUR BEDROOM 2 bath house, fully remodeled, with appliances. Very nice home in Frederic. \$650 monthly. Must see to believe. 989-450-9742. (-7-14-21/2)

4 RENT Beautiful 5 acre river-front property with secluded 2 bedroom home. \$650 a month. Pets possible. 425-314-6090. (-21-28-4/2)

GRAYLING 2 bedroom apartment, 1 1/2 bath, lots of amenities. \$625 a month, plus security deposit. No pets. 989-344-9070. (LR12/28/06/2)

2. For Rent

NICE, CLEAN, COZY 2 bedroom home, well insulated, gas heat, minutes from town on East M-72. \$475, plus deposit. Call 989-348-5428. (11/30/06tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOME non-smoking, no pets. \$475/month, plus. 348-4840. (LR12/21/06/2)

FOR RENT on Beaver Road, 3 bedroom home with garage located on 2 1/2 acres. \$650/month, plus security deposit. Please call Debbie at 348-7440 for application. (12/07/06tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for current availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (12/7/06tf/2)

3. Employment

INSURANCE/INSPECTOR

We are looking for independent contractors to perform Exterior Residential Property Insurance inspections in a local territory. We need someone to start immediately. Earnings based on number of inspections you complete. Commitment to local territory is required. Direct or related experience required. You will need the following items to begin: dependable vehicle, digital camera, measuring wheel & PC with high-speed internet access.

Email resumes to: jhugle1@millinfo.com or to register online, please visit us at www.millinfo.com and register under Property Inspector on our employment page. EOE

2. For Rent

EFFICIENCY CABINS Close to town. One \$350 per month, \$350 security. \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. One \$340 per month, security \$340. \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities included. No pets. 989-348-5124. (-21/2)

ROOM TO RENT with household privileges, separate bathrooms, Grayling area east on M-72, \$250 a month, utilities included. 906-293-8724 or 989-348-5040. (-14-21-28/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 bath house in Grayling, south side. \$400 plus deposit. References. 348-8627. (12/21/06tf/2)

3 BEDROOM full basement, two car garage, very clean, in town, \$650. 989-350-2166. (21/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT with appliances and garage. 989-348-8471. (-21-28/2)

3. Employment

LEELIN HOME HEALTH CARE, INC is accepting applications for home health aides in Grayling and surrounding areas. If interested in being part of our rewarding team contact Leelin Home Health Care, at our corporate office to schedule an interview, 1-800-274-0100, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4pm. EOE (-14-21/3)

INSTRUCTOR, ORGANIC CHEMISTRY: Kirtland Community College is seeking a part-time organic chemistry instructor for the winter semester to teach at Roscommon. Master of science degree in chemistry required; teaching experience preferred. Submit cover letter, resume, unofficial transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. (21/3)

SALES REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED Mid Michigan area for a major alcoholic beverage distributor. Prior sales experience in any field preferred. Please fax resumes to 734-246-8695 and/or mail them to 17550 Allen Road, Brownstown, MI 48193 attn: Kim LaPrairie. (-14-21/3)

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. Local CDL training. 800-882-7364. (LR12/21/06/3)

3. Employment

INSTRUCTOR, ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY: Kirtland Community College is seeking a part-time anatomy & physiology instructor for the winter semester to teach at Gaylord, Roscommon, and/or online. Master of science degree in biology required; teaching experience preferred. Submit cover letter, resume, unofficial transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. (21/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: December 18, 2006. Position: Grayling Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach. Qualifications: Volleyball background in playing and/or coaching. Additional information available at 1135 North Old 27. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., December 22, 2006. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-21/3)

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR full time position in a long term care setting. Responsible for assessments, care planning developing and implementing stimulating activities for the population that we care for. Must be a Certified Activity Director, Recreational or Occupational Therapist to hold this position. Apply in person at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling. (-14-21/3)

GENERAL LABOR/PRODUCTION positions in the Grayling area. Must have proof of HS diploma/GED, solid work history, good references, strong math and measuring skills, and the ability to lift, sort, and stack product in a fast paced environment. \$8/hr. All shifts. Call 989-705-2120 for appointment. EOE. (-14-21/3)

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3. Employment

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MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for the part-time contractual position of men's basketball coach to perform recruitment and other appropriate duties from the date of hire through May 15, 2007. Upon recommendation of the Athletic Director, contract may be renewed for the 2007 - 2008 year to include full responsibility for coaching the men's basketball team. Visit www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs for a complete position description and application information. Applications accepted until Jan. 12, 2007. Equal opportunity employer. (-21/3)

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Posting date: December 18, 2006. Position: Chess Club Coordinator. Qualifications: Coaching elementary age children the rules and strategies of playing chess. Know how to play chess beyond the basic level; manage different levels of chess playing ability; recruit volunteers. Apply to: Joseph P. Powers, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable Schools, 1135 North Old 27, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4 p.m., January 2, 2007. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-21-28/3)

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4. Services Offered

SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING quilter. Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (-14-21-28-4/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-21/4)

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8. Announcements

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06t/8)

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9. Personals



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The Crawford County Housing Commission (CCHC) has Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available to qualified applicants to assist in the rehabilitation of homes within Crawford County.

The applicant may be required to pursue match money from other sources to qualify.

A lien will be placed on the home for the amount of work performed. Monthly payments may be required depending on income.

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- Must have homeowners insurance.
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****There may be further qualifying factors.**

If you appear to meet this program's criteria, please contact the Crawford County Housing Commission staff at 200 West Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, or Phone: 989.344.3261.

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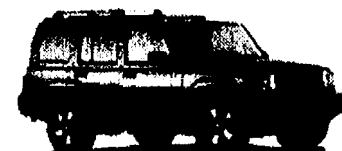
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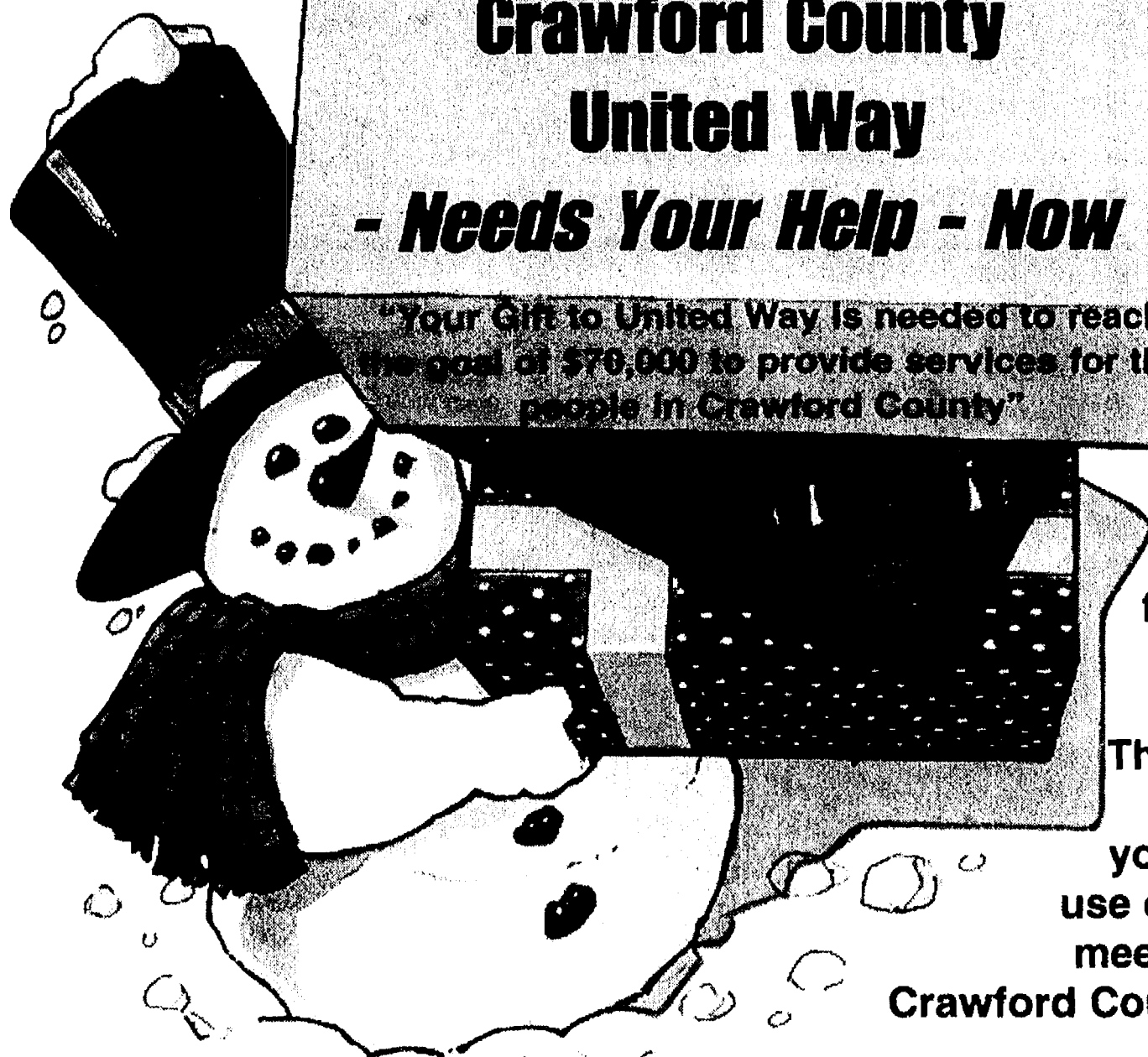


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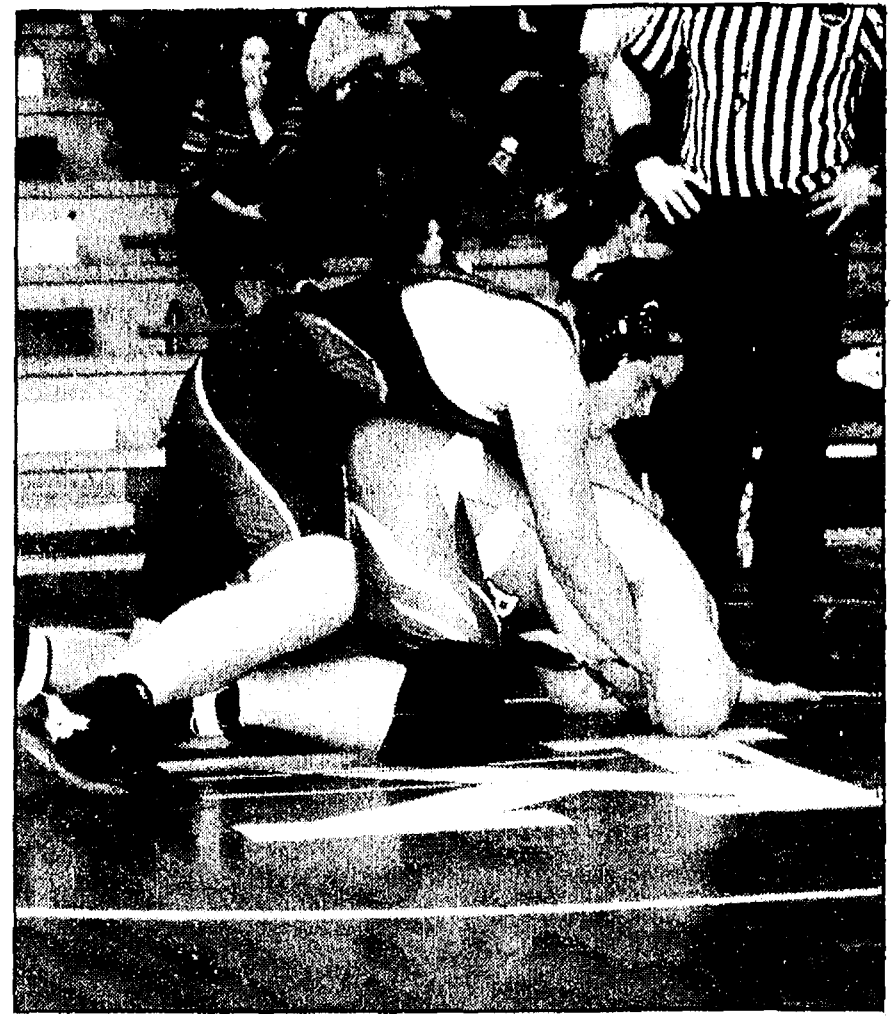
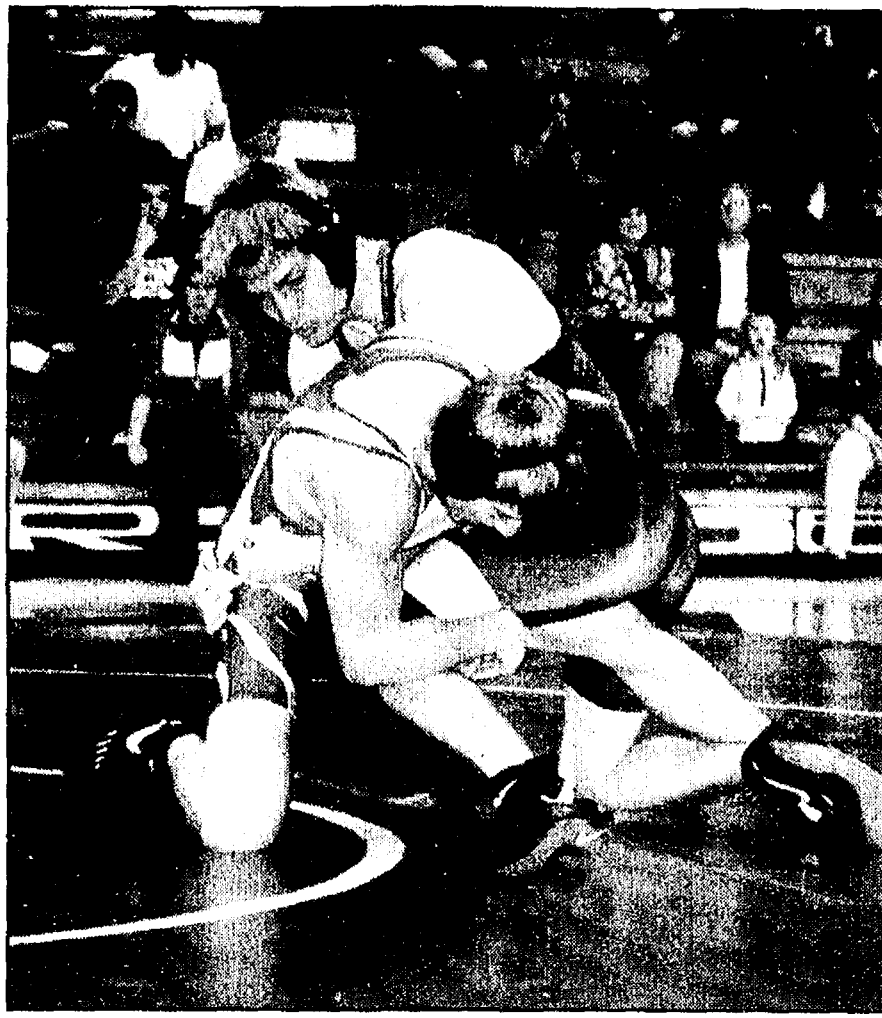
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Vikings fall to Blazers 40-23 in first league wrestling meet

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Shane Grove (152) pinned his opponent in the second round for Grayling's first six points. Jeff Bancroft (160) won his match with a first round pin, pulling Grayling to within one, 13-12.

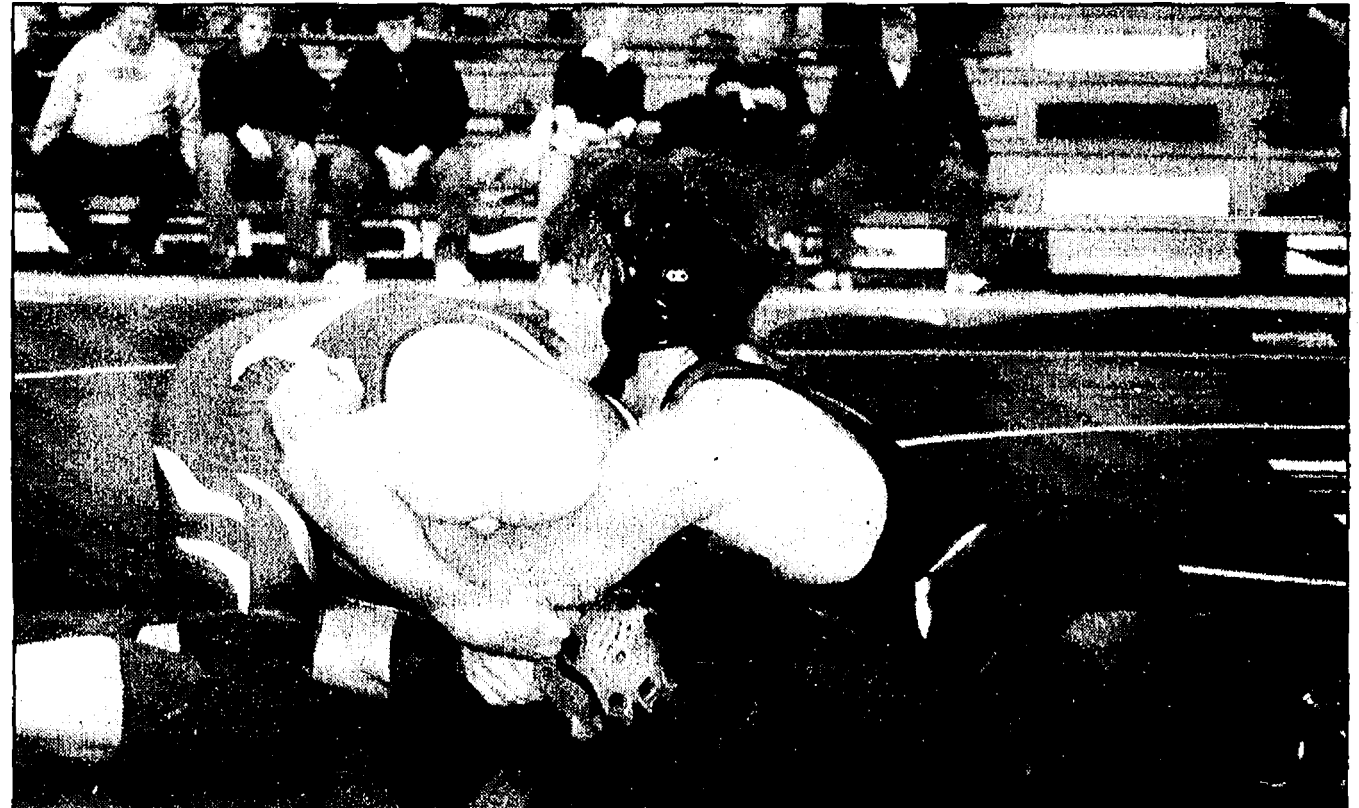
Kalkaska won a 14-8 decision

in the 171-pound weight class. At 189, Eric Madill won a 19-2 decision for five points, giving GHS a 17-16 advantage. Dustin Schutt (215) won by default and the Vikings led 23-16.

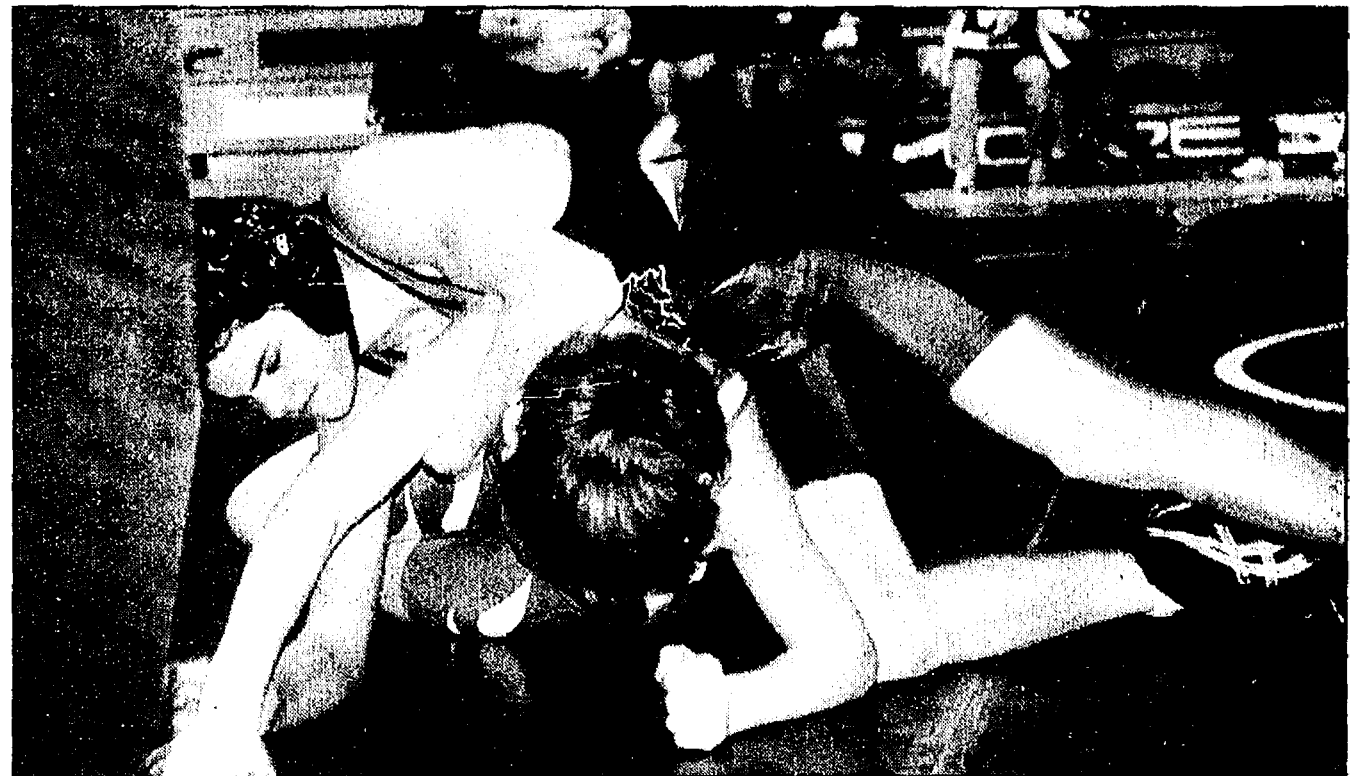
The Blazers won the next four weight classes (heavyweight,

103, 112, and 119) with pins. Both teams forfeited the final two divisions and Kalkaska won the meet by a final score of 40-23.

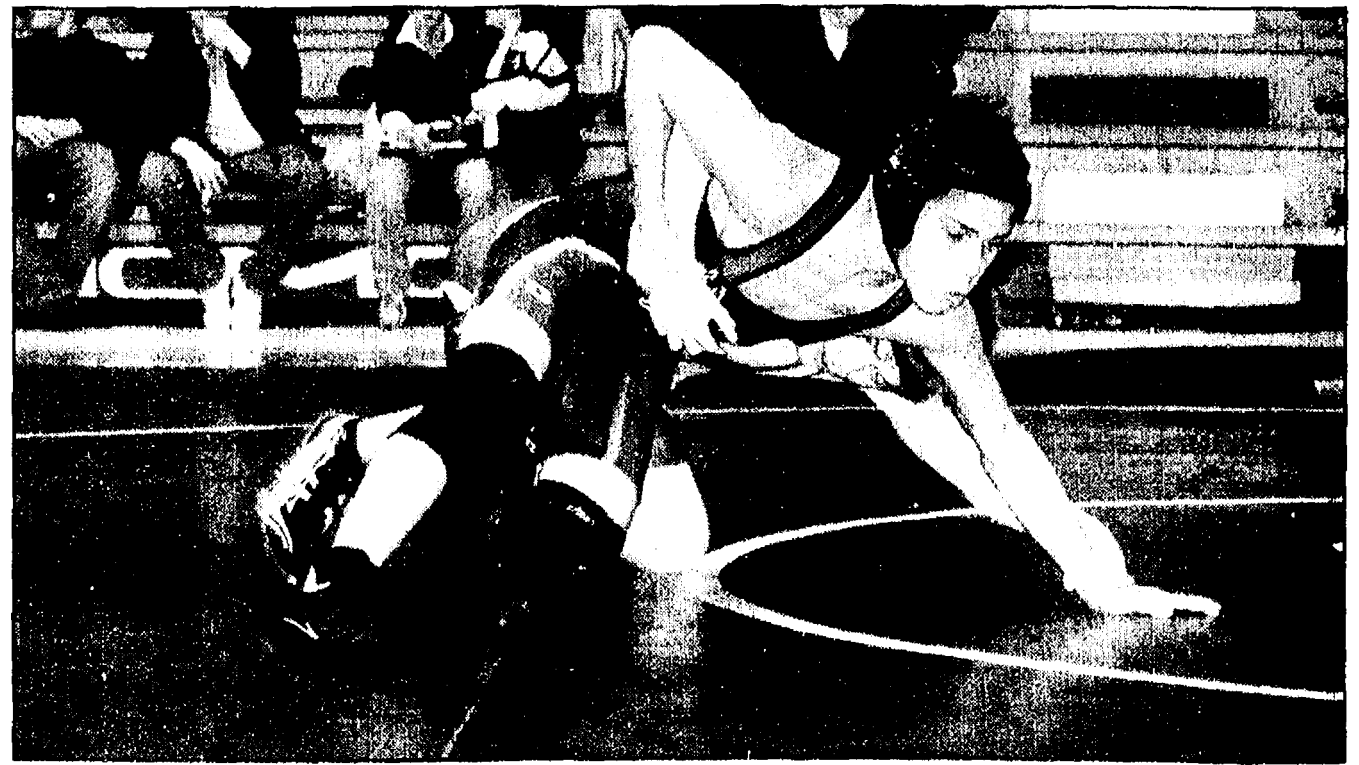
The Vikings will compete in the Freeland Invitational on Thursday, Dec. 28.



Steven Grove (135) competes for GHS against the Blazers.



Rob Harrison (103) grapples with a Kalkaska opponent.



Josh Moggo wrestles in the 112-pound weight class on Thursday.



Shane Grove (152) pins his Kalkaska counterpart during last week's meet.